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## Township Video News



**TVN's Question of the Week | How many meetings can a supervisor miss?**  
Find out what the attendance policy is for township supervisors and how a supervisor can be forcibly removed from office. [Click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week!

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## Latest News

### **Have You Registered Yet for the 2022 Annual Conference? What Are You Waiting For?**

PSATS urges every township to send at least one delegate to the 2022 Annual Educational Conference and Exhibit Show. The knowledge gained can help your community save money, plan for the future, and explore new ways of serving residents.

The 2022 theme of "Together Again" is particularly fitting after two canceled conferences. This year's conference will feature some don't-miss events, including:

- The "Together Again" Welcome Back Reception Sunday evening (*free to all conference registrants*); (active waiting list)
- The "Roaring '20s" Reception Monday evening (*\$35 per person*)
- The Legislative Grassroots Reception Tuesday evening (*No need to be bused to Harrisburg to meet with your state legislators!*)

Of course, there will also be over 60 informative workshops, plus speakers, general sessions (*including the all-important resolutions voting Tuesday morning*), nearly 300 exhibitors, and ample opportunities for networking with your fellow township officials from across the state.

PSATS' 2022 Annual Conference and Exhibit Show: You can't afford to miss it! Register today at [conference.psats.org](https://conference.psats.org).

### **IRRC Approves UCC Regulation**

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved a regulatory update to the Uniform Construction Code that adopting early all provisions of the 2018 International Code Council codes, as directed by the UCC Review and Advisory Council (RAC). The new regulation will take effect on February 14, 2022. [Click here](#) to view the regulation.

### **Today in History...**

On January 27, 1967, a launch pad fire during Apollo program tests at Cape Canaveral, Florida, killed astronauts Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Edward H. White II, and Roger B. Chaffee. An investigation indicated that a faulty electrical wire inside the Apollo 1 command module was the probable cause of the fire. The astronauts, the first Americans to die in a spacecraft, had been participating in a simulation of the Apollo 1 launch scheduled for the next month.

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## Legislation & Policy



Yesterday afternoon, Governor Wolf vetoed the once every 10 years, Congressional Reapportionment passed by the Legislature setting up the State Supreme Court to draw the maps. The Court will conduct hearings today and tomorrow (guess 24-hour sunshine notices are not required?)

The following bills of interest to townships passed the House yesterday:

[HB 1341](#) would authorize municipal-owned three-axle motor vehicles to exceed the 58,400-pound maximum gross weight limits if the gross weight is not more than the vehicle's gross vehicle weight rating or 66,000 pounds, whichever is less.

[HB 1947](#) would prohibit municipalities from restricting access to any energy source. The bill clarifies that it does not affect municipal land use authority under the Municipalities Planning Code or a municipality's ability to take steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from municipal facilities and operations.

In addition, [HB 764](#) passed the Senate yesterday. HB 764 would amend the Child Protective Services Law to allow employers to hire employees on a provisional basis on par with the 45-day provisional hiring window that is currently authorized for childcare providers. This would include employees hired for township recreational programs. The bill now goes before the House for concurrence on Senate amendments.

The Senate Transportation Committee amended and approved [SB 965](#), which would regulate highly automated vehicles and authorize testing conditions for these vehicles, including platooning of tractor trailers and other commercial vehicles.

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## Learn

PSATS educational events will be listed as follows: Mondays – All webinars; Tuesdays – Administrative; Wednesdays – Planning/Zoning; Thursdays – Public Works; Fridays – Public Safety.

## **Flagger Training**

This instructor-led Flagger Training will be conducted for individuals who have flagging responsibilities on ANY ROAD OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Others who would benefit from this course include: utility companies working on low volume roads, law enforcement personnel, municipal managers and elected officials (to understand the importance, and for budgeting purposes).

[2/24/22 - Cumberland County](#)

[4/12/21 - Bedford County](#)

[4/27/22 - Pike County](#)



## [2022 Engineers Spring Seminar - 4/25 & 4/26, 2022](#)

The 2022 Spring Township Engineers Seminar is a 2 half-day event. Each morning's agenda includes important issues of interest to municipal engineers and their local government clients taught by knowledgeable and respected subject matter experts.



## [Webinar - Where We Ride: Bicycle and Pedestrian Networks and Improvements - 2/23/22](#)

Do all streets and roads need to be “complete”? Not all do, but enough to create a network that allows bicyclists and pedestrians to travel to their regular destinations.



## [Webinar - What Your Public Works Director Wants You to Know - 3/23/22](#)

Your township's public works staff have unique perspective, knowledge, history and information that greatly benefit elected officials and senior employees. Confronted daily with the challenge of solving problems with finite resources, they are your front line for issues that matter to your constituents.



**[Webinar - Improving Stormwater BMP's & MS4 Compliance Through CBLP Certification- 5/25/22](#)**

Attendees will learn about the various Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional (CBLP) certifications that are available to township officials and public works staff.



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