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Township Video News



TVN's Question of the Week | When does the ARP Final Rule go into effect?
The interim final rule remains in effect until April 1, 2022; however, townships can take advantage of the final rule now, including the standard allowance for lost revenues. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week.

Latest News

Capital Commonsense Campaign?

The delay in finalizing the new legislative and Congressional maps have also delayed the beginning of petition circulating season previously set in law for next week. The Courts will make announcements soon and the 2022 primary election may get delayed. If you have even thought about why township-style commonsense wasn't as common in Harrisburg and Washington, now is the time to look at the proposed maps and consider sending a township official to Harrisburg or Washington from your area.

With over 2 dozen districts drawn as open seats without any incumbents, a large number of pending retirements, and some districts that perhaps don't fully represent local governments' commonsense perspective, there has never been a better time to consider running for higher office to spread commonsense to our capitals. Could it be you?

NATaT Says “No” to EPA Overreach on Proposed “WOTUS” Definition

The National Association of Towns and Townships has submitted comments to the Environmental Protection Agency with concerns regarding the agency's revised definitions of “Waters of the United States” in the Clean Water Act. Townships are impacted by CWA regulations for development projects, wastewater treatment facilities, and depending on the scope, it could impact maintenance of drainage ditches. The comments emphasize concerns about any possible expansion of the CWA that could bring isolated wetlands or other waters not connected to navigable waters under federal jurisdiction. NATaT argued against one size fits all federal overreach by the EPA that would regulate drainage ditches and retention basins among other things. [Click here](#) to read the comments. PSATS members are also members of NATaT.

Today in History.....

On February 10, 2014, Shirley Temple Black, who as a child in the 1930s became one of Hollywood's most successful stars, dies at her Woodside, California, home at age 85. The plucky, curly-haired performer sang, danced and acted in dozens of films by the time she was a teen; as an adult, she gave up making movies and served as a U.S. diplomat.

Legislation & Policy

The Senate concurred on House amendments to [SB 739](#), which would amend the Emergency Services Loan Assistance Program to incorporate a statewide

referendum to expand the program's eligibility to include nonprofit chartered fire companies and municipal-owned fire companies.

The bill also establishes the Emergency Medical Services COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program, which would be administered by the Office of the State Fire Commissioner in consultation with the state Department of Health. The program would provide grants to EMS companies to provide services in response to the pandemic. \$25 million in federal COVID-19 funds would be appropriated to fund the program. The program would expire June 30, 2022. SB 739 now goes before the governor.

The Senate Finance Committee reported out [HB 2058](#), which would amend the Local Tax Enabling Act to align the deadline for filing final returns for the earned income tax with the deadline for filing a Pennsylvania personal income tax return. Normally this filing date would be the same as the current April 15 filing date.

The House passed [HB 2216](#), which would consolidate the law creating the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank into Title 74 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes.

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).

[2/14/22 - Northumberland County](#)

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

[3/29/22 - Monroe County](#)

[4/11/22 - Greene 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.



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