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Township Video News



TVN's Question of the Week | What is the Project and Expenditure report?

Treasury has released a Project and Expenditure report user guide with step-by-step instructions on navigating their portal and meeting their reporting requirements (you can access this link through the ARP banner on PSATS' website). Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week.

Latest News

Pennsylvania Supreme Court Picks Congressional Map

Yesterday, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court picked the new congressional map by a 4-3 vote after Gov. Wolf vetoed the map adopted by the General Assembly. The Court rejected the map drawn by the General Assembly as well as both maps offered by Governor Wolf. The court also held that the Congressional primary election will be held May 17 as scheduled and adjusted the deadlines for the election process. [Click here](#) to view the new map and [here](#) to view the order.

Final Reminder: Townships Urged to Complete Critical Lawsuit Survey

Townships that have not already done so are urged to consider completing a critical survey that could help provide the data necessary to keep lawsuits and liability insurance from getting even more expensive for all townships. Due to a Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision, the state legislature must determine how the current caps on local and state government lawsuits should be increased, expanded, or adjusted or the court will do so. As part of this, the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee is studying the impact of lawsuits on local governments and what would happen if the current \$500,000 cap on damages were to be increased. Even though only a very few extreme cases would suggest increasing the cap, everyone's insurance costs will go up. Insurance premiums would be the newest unfunded mandate and we need your participation in this survey to show that any increase can push communities closer to fiscal distress.

Your input is central to this report. By taking a few minutes to complete this anonymous online survey, you can help ensure that any increases are as moderate as possible and based on real data. [Click here](#) to respond to the survey, which will close **February 28**. Thank you to the townships that have already completed this survey!

Today in History....

On February 24, 1836, in San Antonio, Texas, Colonel William Travis issues a call for help on behalf of the Texan troops defending the Alamo, an old Spanish mission and fortress under siege by the Mexican army.

The defense of the Alamo became a powerful symbol for the Texas revolution, helping the rebels turn the tide in their favor. . On May 14, 1836, Texas officially became an independent republic. Texas joined the Union in 1845.

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).



[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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