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## Township Video News



### TVN's Question of the Week | Was the Lost Revenue category for ARP expanded?

The final rule now offers a "standard" allowance option of up to \$10 million of ARP funds as revenue lost due to the public health emergency. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week.

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## Latest News

### **Shapiro Calls for Police and First Responder Funding**

Atty. Gen. Josh Shapiro has asked the legislature to take action to help alleviate staffing shortages in police and emergency services and help communities provide public safety services. Shapiro's plan includes:

- Expansion of Act 89 funding for the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission to cover the entire cost to train a local officer;
- \$6,000 signing bonus for new officers and public safety personnel;
- \$1,200 in hero pay for first responders and 911 operators;
- Creation of new scholarships for Act 120 training;
- Expansion of outreach and recruitment efforts for the next generation of first responder.

[Click here](#) to read Shapiro's letter.

### **Wolf Proposes \$1.7 Billion Plan to Spend State's ARP Funds**

A week before Gov. Tom Wolf is scheduled to deliver his budget address, he has announced his proposal to spend the state's American Rescue Plan funds. The plan was met with mixed reviews. He asks the legislature to fund the following programs:

- \$450 million in conservation, recreation, preservation, and community revitalization projects. This would include new funding for the Growing Greener conservation and recreation program and agriculture conservation programs.
- \$325 million for Pennsylvania's health care system, including \$250 million for long-term care recruitment and retention incentives and workforce development initiatives; \$40 million for behavioral health workforce; and \$35 million to expand student loan forgiveness.
- \$500 million for the PA Opportunity Program, which would provide childcare assistance and household expenses for individuals working to complete a degree, credential, or license.
- \$225 million for the Small Business Assistance Program, which would provide grants to small businesses impacted by the pandemic.
- \$204 million for increased property tax relief for low-income renters and homeowners.

Watch for more details in Governor Wolf's Budget address next Tuesday. [Click here](#) for more information.

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

One February 3, 1894, Norman Rockwell was born. The American painter created illustrations for The Saturday Evening Post reflecting popular American culture. Rockwell also painted current events as reflected in his illustrations for Look magazine.

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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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