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Township Video News



TVN's Coffee and the Capitol | Breaking Down Pa.'s Budget with Secretary Greg Thall

PSATS' Legislative Director Joe Gerdes and Secretary of the Budget Greg Thall break down Governor Wolf's February budget address and how the \$43.7 billion dollars will be spent.

Latest News

New Online Gaming Local Share Grant Applications due by March 15

The Commonwealth Financing Authority is accepting grant applications for its \$100 Million Statewide Local Share Grants **until March 15**. Townships are eligible to apply for these grants, which can be used for many projects that improve the quality of life in a community including buildings and equipment. **No match is required.** This is slated to become an annual program.

Eligible uses include acquisition, construction, demolition, infrastructure, purchase of vehicles, machinery and/or equipment; planning, consulting and design costs related to planning projects; engineering; and design. Project must be between \$25,000 and \$1 million. Please note that there is a \$100 application fee for this electronic grant.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

NATaT Adopts 2022 Platform

Yesterday, the Board of Directors of the National Association of Towns and Townships (NATaT) adopted the 2022 platform for Congressional and other Federal issues including policies by Executive agencies and orders. Each PSATS member township is also a member of NATAT. [Click here](#) for more.

CFA Accepting Grant Applications for Multimodal Transportation Fund

The Commonwealth Financing Authority is also accepting grant applications for its Multimodal Transportation Fund **until July 31**. Note this is different than the Multimodal Transportation Fund through the state Department of Transportation.

The CFA Multimodal Transportation Fund provides grants to encourage economic development and ensure that a safe and reliable system of transportation is available to the commonwealth's residents. Funds may be used for the development, rehabilitation, and enhancement of transportation assets to existing communities, streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, pedestrian safety, connectivity of transportation assets, and transit-oriented development. [Click here](#) to learn more and apply.

Power of One Opportunity

PSATS is looking for volunteers for Wednesday, April 13 starting at 9am. Volunteers would be helping to stuff welcome totes for the PSATS Conference. If you or anyone in your township would like to volunteer, please contact Casey Eisenhart at (717) 763-0930, ext. 112 or ceisenhart@psats.org.

PennDOT Build a Better Mousetrap

PennDOT Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) Build a Better Mousetrap competition application is due May 6, 2022!

There is a link to the application on the LTAP homepage under “News”, or use this link [2022 Application](#).

Have you or one of your coworkers recently built an innovative gadget or developed an improved way to do a job? If so, now is the time to show off a project your township is proud of in the Build a Better Mousetrap Competition.

If you have something you think would qualify for this competition, submit your entries by Friday, May 6, 2022. Entries will be judged by a committee of municipal road employees on cost savings/benefits to the community, ingenuity, transferability to others, and effectiveness.

To enter the competition, complete the entry form or the electronic form and return it by Friday, May 6, 2022.

If you have questions, please feel free to email them to ltap@psats.org, or call Karen Atkinson at 717-763-0930 ext. 156.

Today in History.....

On February 8, 1917, the Russian Revolution began when riots and strikes over the scarcity of food erupted in Petrograd. One week later, centuries of czarist rule in Russia ended with the abdication of Nicholas II, and Russia took a dramatic step closer toward communist revolution.

Most Russians had lost faith in the leadership ability of the czarist regime. Government corruption was rampant, and the Russian economy remained backward. However, the immediate cause was Russia’s disastrous involvement in World War I. Their economy was hopelessly disrupted by the costly war effort, and moderates joined Russian radical elements in calling for the overthrow of the czar.

Learn

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

Basic Training for Secretaries and Administrators

Topics covered will range from budgeting, purchasing, advertising and meeting management all the way to human resource issues and public engagement.

[3/22/22 - Cumberland Co.](#)

[3/24/22 - Chester Co.](#)

[4/7/22 - Centre Co.](#)



QuickBooks Tips and Tricks - Dauphin County -

[4/24/22](#)

Join your colleagues from around the state for this newly REVISED class where Diana Patton, who has spent 30 years as a township secretary/treasurer and the last 19 years as a Certified QuickBooks Instructor and Trainer, will show you all the ways you can use QuickBooks to better serve the financial needs of your municipality.



Effective Township Administration: Steering Your Township Through Difficult Situations - 4/24/22

Elected and appointed officials are often asked to solve problems that are either not within their authority to solve or where the proposed “solution” might create negative unintended consequences for the municipality. Navigating these difficult issues requires skill, diplomacy and, often patience.



2022 Solicitors Spring Seminar - 4/25/22

This seminar will cover a wide variety of emerging and important trends and issues vital to the practice of every municipal solicitor. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from experts and network with your peers from around the state.



Demystifying Grant Seeking: Tools & Tips for Success - Virtual Class - 3/10/22

Join fundraising master trainer, Chad Barger, CFRE, for a session focused on seeking grant support for township projects and programs. The session begins with an overview of the role of grant funding in an organization and the prerequisites for seeking grant support.



[QuickBooks for Beginners - Virtual Class - 3/10 & 17/22](#)

This virtual class is broken out into two half-day sessions. It is designed to provide each student with a fundamental understanding and working knowledge of QuickBooks Accounting Software, and is intended to demonstrate the application of QuickBooks and QuickBooks Pro to assist in municipal accounting.



[Newsletter Best Practices: Keeping Residents Updated Via Email & Postal Mail- Virtual Class - 4/7/22](#)

We'll examine how print/mailed communications work in tandem with email to ensure our donors are informed and engaged.



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