



2022 Adopted PSATS Resolutions

22-01 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require that the state Department of Environmental Protection immediately issue all necessary permits for emergency relief that would allow municipalities to perform standard flood mitigation to remove stream impediments, such as gravel bars, that will prevent the exacerbation of flooding before, during, or after a flood event.

TIOGA COUNTY & PSATS EXECUTIVE BOARD

22-02 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Environmental Protection to follow Act 26 of 2017 and Act 34 of 2020 and allow for the use of alternative wastewater disposal systems to satisfy sewage facilities planning for subdivisions and land developments in Pennsylvania.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

22-03 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose transfers of any funds from the Recycling Fund to the commonwealth's General Fund. ALLEGHENY, BLAIR, AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES

22-04 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling, and Waste Reduction Act (*Act 101 of 1988*) to require the state Department of Environmental Protection to fund recycling performance grant awards in full before any Recycling Fund monies may be used for other recycling program activities. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-05 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require that private organizations using fire police be solely responsible for workers' compensation insurance or other insurance for those fire police.

2,000-5,000 POPULATION COMMITTEE

22-06 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to increase the reimbursement rates for ambulance service, including Medicare reimbursement. FOREST COUNTY

22-07 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize EMS volunteers to serve with minimum certification and training requirements while they obtain experience. FOREST COUNTY

22-09 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation and any necessary state constitutional amendments to allow the development of a uniformed county law enforcement department.

OVER 10,000 POPULATION COMMITTEE

22-11 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 1536 of the Second Class Township Code to allow townships to take ownership and control of cemeteries prior to such cemeteries becoming neglected and/or abandoned. COLUMBIA COUNTY

22-12 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Transportation to maintain all state roads and highways at the commonwealth's sole expense, including but not limited to stormwater facilities, roundabouts, sidewalks, and bike lanes that are within the Department's right of way. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-13 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek a change in regulations that would allow municipalities to purchase cinders for winter road use that are not approved by the state Department of Transportation but would meet requirements set by municipalities. BRADFORD COUNTY

22-14 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek a change in regulations that would allow municipalities to set their own requirements for stone to be used on roads as a wearing course.
BRADFORD COUNTY

22-15 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek a change in regulations that would exempt municipalities from the state Department of Transportation restrictions for winter maintenance materials, such as cinders and anti-skid. BRADFORD COUNTY

22-16 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose efforts by distributed antenna system (DAS) providers and communications tower/antenna contractors to exempt these facilities from municipal land use and right-of-way regulations. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-17 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose state and federal legislation that would eliminate a township's capacity to negotiate with a cable or telecommunications provider, restrict a township's authority to protect and maintain its rights of way, or exempt items from franchise fees.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-18 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would restrict or remove municipal land use controls or exempt any use from land use requirements. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-20 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the development of a civics/local government curriculum to educate young people about local government and increase their awareness of the value of municipal government. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-26 RESOLVED, That PSATS support any legislation that would reduce the financial burden of legal advertising for municipalities. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-27 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Title 45 (*Legal Advertising*) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to authorize local governments to place legal advertisements in community papers of mass dissemination, such as shoppers, instead of daily or weekly newspapers.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-28 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Law (*Act 442 of 1961*) to exclude activities that are currently classified as construction but were previously classified as road maintenance from coverage by the act. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-29 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to repeal the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Law (*Act 442 of 1961*) or authorize townships to choose whether or not they wish to be subject to the provisions of the law. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-30 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Article VIII of the Pennsylvania Constitution to prohibit the enactment of new state laws that impose new costs on municipalities unless the General Assembly provides sufficient funds for their implementation. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-31 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Environmental Protection to commit permanent, recurring funding for stream restoration and stabilization programs.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-32 RESOLVED, that PSATS seek legislation to authorize additional options for municipalities to provide local police protection to their residents, such as entering into voluntary contracts, including with the Pennsylvania State Police for dedicated trooper services not from the current complement. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-33 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 3205 of the Second Class Township Code to authorize the board of supervisors to levy an annual special tax, not to exceed five mills, to establish, fund, and/or operate a township or regional police department or to contract with another municipality for police protection. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-34 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide a state income tax deduction for active volunteer firefighters and fire police as defined by fire company bylaws and recognized by the supporting municipality. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-35 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide a state income tax deduction for employers who allow active volunteer firefighters and fire police, as defined by fire company bylaws and recognized by the supporting municipality, to respond to emergencies during work hours. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-36 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide a federal income tax deduction for employers who allow active volunteer firefighters and fire police, as defined by fire company bylaws and recognized by the supporting municipality, to respond to emergencies during work hours. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-37 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to create a system to track and compel utility company response within four hours of receiving notice from the municipality or 911 center that their facilities are creating a hazard, obstacle, or nuisance to the public, AND FURTHER, that the PUC be authorized to levy fines on utilities that fail to timely respond and provide notice to the municipality and 911 center that the situation has been resolved or is being addressed. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-38 RESOLVED, that PSATS urge the state Department of Transportation to modify Title 67 of the Pennsylvania Code Section 231.8, to exempt emergency service vehicles from the need to comply with pre-trip inspection requirements of 49 CFR Section 396.13 when any firefighter with a CDL license is driving fire apparatus to an emergency call, provided that the emergency service's chief employee signs a record certifying that the commercial motor vehicles under their control are always kept in a safe and ready state. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-39 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to adopt a standard ID card for Pennsylvania emergency responders and appointed and elected officials to provide proof of their position. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-40 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to implement a statewide ban on the ignition and launch of sky lanterns to reduce the risk of fires caused by the open flames on these devices. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-41 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation mandating a countywide collection of the real estate tax. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-42 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any legislation that would exempt subjects from or reduce the amusement tax. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-43 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to prohibit the state Department of Transportation from requiring municipalities to accept responsibility for the maintenance and liability of sidewalks installed along state roads as a precondition for the installation or reconstruction of any sidewalk along a state road. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-44 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Transportation to pay a proportionate share of the cost for operating and maintaining traffic control systems on state highways and to take full responsibility for the programming, operation, and maintenance of interconnected and closed-loop signal systems. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-45 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to prohibit the state Department of Transportation from requiring a municipality to bond a state road while attempting to maintain township roads. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-46 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Environmental Protection to allow townships to use recycled asphalt as a surface material on unpaved roads and road berms. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-47 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to prohibit state agencies from issuing permits and/or licenses to applicants who are not in compliance with applicable local ordinances. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-48 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would require municipalities or third-party agencies acting as building code officials under Section 501(b) of the Uniform Construction Code to accept inspections or inspection reports from persons not retained, employed, or authorized by the municipality. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-49 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge redistricting efforts to preserve the principle of one person, one vote, by placing municipalities entirely within the same legislative district as a community of interest in order to avoid situations where individual municipalities are divided into different legislative districts. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-50 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Borough Code to eliminate the ability to create a borough from a township of the second class. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE