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## Latest News

### **\$10 Million Awarded to 15 Projects**

Gov. Tom Wolf announced the approval of 15 community, economic development and revitalization projects throughout Pennsylvania. \$10 million in funding was awarded through the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program. Projects include a new Community Recreation Center for Doylestown Township, Bucks County.

[Click here](#) for more.

### **IFO Impact Fee Update and Outlook for 2022**

The Independent Fiscal Office released an Impact Fee Update and Outlook, which compares distributions from the last four years. Based on current and projected natural gas prices, the fee schedule will likely rise to its highest rate for 2022. Well-drilling is seeing an increase, which would have a positive impact on total fees, even as many wells are aging. [Click here](#) for more.

### **Pa. Township News Wants To Know**

The post-pandemic workplace looks different for many, and that includes townships and staff as well. Our August issue of the Pa. Township News will include a feature on how townships navigated the pandemic workplace and how it may have changed the workplace. Did you have staff working remotely, and are they still remote? What worked for you, and what were some of the challenges? Did you have to invest in new technology? Were remote/hybrid meeting models used? Reach out to Chris Brady at [cbrady@psats.org](mailto:cbrady@psats.org) with your story, and we can help others learn from your experiences.

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

On June 22, 1944, U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the G.I. Bill, an unprecedented act of legislation designed to compensate returning members of the armed services—known as G.I.s—for their efforts in World War II. As the last of its sweeping New Deal reforms, the bill gave returning servicemen access to unemployment compensation, low-interest home and business loans, and—most importantly—funding for education.

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## Legislation & Policy



The House and Senate will be in session today, June 22. Watch the session live [here](#).

**The following bills passed the House yesterday:** [HB 2104](#) would establish statewide requirements for the **decommissioning and bonding of solar and wind energy facilities**, which would preempt local decommissioning regulations. Bonds and a

decommissioning plan would be required to be filed with the recorder of deeds. PSATS has concerns with the preemption language.

[HB 2010](#) would **require elected and appointed officials who are responsible for a public pension to complete two hours of training** on their fiduciary responsibilities within one year of assuming the position and one hour of training in fiduciary law annually thereafter. Elected and appointed officials currently in office would be exempt from the two-hour training requirement. The bill passed the House unanimously.

**The House State Government Committee reported the following bills from committee yesterday:**

[HB 2534](#) would amend the Right-to-Know Law **to exempt notes and working papers prepared by or for a public official or agency employee that are used to accommodate an individual's disability**, including transcriptions, braille translations, or large print material.

[SB 1043](#) would amend the **Steel Products Procurement Act** to provide for the electronic submission of required documents through a centralized portal.

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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.



### **2022 PAAZO Fall Seminar**

In the PAAZO Fall Seminar, learn from experts on a wide variety of topics pertinent to your duties as a municipal Zoning official.

[9/13/22 - Cumberland County](#)

[10/13/22 - Montgomery County](#)

[11/17/22 - Butler County](#)

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