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Township Video News



TVN's Summer School | Lesson One: How do resolutions work?

Join PSATS Director of Government Relations Joe Gerdes and Policy and Research Director Holly Fishel as they discuss how members set the Association's resolutions.

Latest News

Reminder: Make Sure Your Township Enters Salary Survey Data by June 30!

Be sure your designated township staff (*PSATS Salary Survey Plus processor*) enters your township's wage and benefit data by **June 30** to ensure the earliest access to all PSATS Salary Survey Plus reports for 2022! With inflation and challenges to find and keep quality employees, townships should participate to find out how other townships most like theirs are compensating employees and what benefits are provided.

Once enough data is collected, 2022 results will be released and township supervisors, managers, secretaries, and other township-authorized employees from participating townships will be able to access comparisons to 2018-2021 results, question-by-question comparisons, and reports by region, population, budget size, union status, benefits, and more! Participants can run real-time reports and comparisons with townships most like theirs. To protect anonymity, results are only provided for questions that receive responses from at least five townships, but the townships are not identified..

To access Salary Survey Plus, log onto psats.org and look under "My PSATS" for "Salary Survey Plus." If you have any issues accessing the survey or need to change the township official designated to enter data (*the PSATS Salary Survey Plus processor*), email memberservices@psats.org.

Expanded Rail Service to Western PA Announced

Gov. Tom Wolf announced that the state Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and Norfolk Southern Corporation have reached an agreement to expand passenger rail access in western Pennsylvania. The milestone follows a February 2022 announcement that both parties would jointly examine opportunities to eliminate chokepoints and improve Pennsylvania's rail system to better permit freight and passenger trains to operate together. [Click here](#) for more.

Today in History....

On June 28, 1953, workers at a Chevrolet plant in Flint, Michigan, assembled the first Corvette, a two-seater sports car that would become an American icon. The first completed production car rolled off the assembly line two days later, one of just 300 Corvettes made that year.

Legislative & Policy



The House and Senate will be in session today, June 28. Watch the session live [here](#).

The House approved the following bills yesterday:

[SB 849](#) would amend the Veterans Preference Act to require service members to complete their first term of service with “other than a dishonorable discharge.” SB 849 will now go back to the Senate for concurrence on House amendments.

[SB 861](#) would authorize Pennsylvania to join the EMS Compact and make it easier for EMS personnel to move across state boundaries in performing their duties. SB 861 will now go to the governor.

[HB 1988](#) would authorize the Municipal Police Officers’ Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) to certify Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) campus police officers that have completed MPOETC training. HB 1988 now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Learn

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

[PSATS 2022 Regional Forums](#)

This series of full-day educational sessions is scheduled for multiple locations statewide. Learn more about issues that matter to your community, discuss common interests with other local leaders, earn PMGA and other professional credits, and attend specialized workshops designed for township officials. This educational event will be the perfect opportunity to hear from experts on the **local issues** that matter to you and your municipality.



PSATS Northwest 2022 Regional Forum - 8/4/22 - Erie
PSATS Southcentral I 2022 Regional Forum - 8/31/22 - Lancaster
PSATS Northeast 2022 Regional Forum - 9/22/22 - Tannersville
PSATS Southwest 2022 Regional Forum - 9/29/22 - Cranberry Township
PSATS Southeast 2022 Regional Forum - 10/6/22 - Plymouth Meeting

PSATS Southcentral II 2022 Regional Forum - 10/11/22 - Gettysburg
PSATS Centre Regional 2022 Regional Forum - 10/25/22 - State College
PSATS Lehigh Valley 2022 Regional Forum - 11/1/22 - Allentown

[Click here for more information and to register](#)

Basic Training For Secretaries And Administrators - 8/23/22 - Lackawanna Co.

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



2022 PSATS Fall Solicitors Seminar

This seminar will cover a wide variety of emerging and important trends and issues vital to the practice of every municipal solicitor.

[9/20/22 - Cumberland County](#)
[11/10/22 - Montgomery County](#)



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