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## Township Video News



### **TVN's Training Tuesday | PSATS' summer classes are heating up!**

Just because it's summer doesn't mean PSATS is on vacation! Check out this month's Training Tuesday for all the upcoming virtual and in-person classes PSATS has to offer.

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## Latest News

### **U.S. Treasury Issues Alternative to Single Audit for ARP Funds**

The U.S. Department of the Treasury recently provided guidance for the Single Audit or Program-Specific Audit for local governments that received American Rescue Plan Funds and spend \$750,000 in federal funds (*including ARP funds*) in a single year. Treasury has [authorized the use of an alternative compliance examination engagement](#) for ARP recipients that would otherwise not be required to undergo the Single Audit except for the ARP expenses.

ARP recipients that spend \$750,000 or more of federal funds in a fiscal year and meet both criteria listed below have the option to follow the alternative compliance examination engagement:

1. The recipient's total ARP award was received through Pennsylvania as a non-entitlement unit of local government and is at or below \$10 million; and
1. Other federal award funds the recipient spent (*not including its ARP award funds*) are less than \$750,000 for the calendar year.

Auditors using this alternative approach are to follow the standard within the AICPA's *Professional Standards* and [AT-C section 315](#) Compliance Attestation. This engagement, which results in an opinion on compliance with eligible use spending options, is intended to reduce the burden of a full single audit.

### **PSATS Seeking Trainers for Flagger Classes**

If you have any interest in becoming an instructor for PSATS' Flagger Training classes, or know someone who does, please contact Trisha Maxwell at [tmaxwell@psats.org](mailto:tmaxwell@psats.org) or 717-763-0930, ext. 159. PSATS is looking to add to its statewide complement of quality instructors. These are generally three-hour courses that can be built around your schedule. Instructors must have a valid flagger training card and preferably prior experience as a presenter. Instructors are paid for their instruction time and reimbursed for their travel expenses.

### **Governor's Center Director to Depart DCED**

Kim Bracey, the 4 plus year Director of the Governor's Center for Local Government Services, is departing DCED to return home to York city where she will become Director of the YWCA. Bracey oversaw the regulation of Pennsylvania' municipal government structure.

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

On June 7, 1776, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia introduced a resolution for independence to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia; John Adams seconded the motion.

Lee's resolution declared: "That these United Colonies are, and of right out to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved; that measures should be immediately taken for

procuring the assistance of foreign powers, and a Confederation be formed to bind the colonies more closely together.”

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## Legislative & Policy



The House and Senate will be in session today, June 7. Watch the session live [here](#).

The Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee reported the following bills from committee yesterday:

[SB 1265](#) would require the State Fire Commissioner to facilitate **online access to all available fire and emergency services training courses**. The bill would require the State Fire Commissioner to ensure that the online training allow for completion transcripts and printable certificates for online courses and restrict fees to no more than \$1 per course, to be used for administrative purposes.

[HB 2097](#) would **set the minimum staffing for a Basic Life Support ambulance** in a county of the fifth, sixth, seventh, or eighth class as an emergency medical service (EMS) vehicle operator and an EMS operator that is certified as an emergency medical technician or above.

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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.

### **Payroll With QuickBooks**

You will learn the proper way to have your Chart of Accounts set up along with Setting up Payroll items and mapping them correctly. We will learn about Employee Preferences to make setting up new employees easier. Most importantly, we will learn how to set up Payroll Liability schedules, epay and



efile forms to make it seamless when doing your payroll using QuickBooks.

[6/21/22 - Lehigh County](#)

[6/23/22 - Northumberland County](#)

[2022 PSATS Summer Solicitors Seminar - 6/23/22 - Butler County](#)

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.



[Engaging The Public - Agendas, Minutes, Public Comment & RTKL Requests - Virtual Class - 6/28/22](#)

In this virtual class, we will cover a series of common, but challenging, issues that township administrators face when working with and responding to members of the public and media and highlight ways to effectively address them.



[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.



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