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Latest News

Pension Aid Amounts for 2022 Announced

The Office of Auditor General has released the 2022 Pension State Aid Unit Values. The adjusted unit value for 2022 is \$4,918.4631 and the revised unit value is \$5,180.4519. State aid will be transferred via ACH payment to municipalities September 28, 2022.

Townships Among Recipients for CFA Awards

Yesterday, the Commonwealth Financing Authority announced approvals for 130 Act 13 projects in 40 counties, worth \$18.2 million. Many townships are among the recipients. Awards were made in the following categories:

- Flooding mitigation: 10 projects for \$2.4 million
- Greenways, Trails, and Recreation: 94 projects approved for \$12.22 million
- Sewage Facilities: four projects for \$73,830
- Watershed Restoration: 21 projects for \$2.4 million.

For more information, including a [list of the awarded projects, click here](#).

PA Awarded \$240 million for Water Infrastructure Improvements

Pennsylvania was awarded \$240 million for water infrastructure improvements as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The funds will help communities access clean drinking water, improve wastewater treatment, and clean up pollution. The funds will be distributed through [PENNVEST](#).

Today in History.....

On September 21, 1942, the U.S. B-29 Superfortress made its debut flight in Seattle, Washington. It was the largest bomber used in the war by any nation.

Legislative & Policy



Both the House and Senate will be in session today, September 21. Watch the session live [here](#).

Weak RTKL Reform Moves Out of Senate State Government Committee

The Senate State Government Committee met yesterday to discuss Right-to-Know Law reform. The committee amended and reported out two bills that would amend the RTKL and affect townships.

[SB 492](#) would make several clarifications that would be beneficial to townships, such as expanding which employee financial information is confidential and making township bank account numbers and passwords private. Unfortunately, the committee removed meaningful language that would have given townships the ability to charge additional fees for commercial requests.

[HB 2524](#) would also make the same clarifications as SB 492. While the bill contains commercial fee language, it falls short of being effective. Vexatious request language was improved from a previous version. Language limiting inmate access to records is opposed by many.

Other legislation of interest saw action yesterday as well:

The Senate Transportation Committee amended and reported out [HB 1341](#), which would **authorize municipal-owned three-axle motor vehicles to exceed the 58,400-pound maximum gross weight limits** if each non-steering axle does not carry more than 24,000 pounds or an overall gross vehicle weight of 66,000 pounds.

[HB 2484](#) was approved by the House. The bill would amend the State Ethics Law to require write-in candidates to file a statement of financial interests within 30 days of having been nominated or elected unless the person declines the nomination or office. For township office, the statement would be filed with the board of supervisors. The 30-day period begins on the date the board of elections certifies the candidate as the winner of a nomination or election. Failing to file a statement of financial interests would prohibit a write-in candidate from appearing on the November ballot.

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.

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

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

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