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Township Video News



TVN's Question of the Week | When do we start talking to fire and EMS providers about the budget?

In this week's Q&A, Holly goes over how it's never too early to start this financial conversation with local fire and EMS providers. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week.

Latest News

Prepare Your 2023 Budgets Accordingly

Yesterday, the Fed hiked interest rates paid by banks by yet another 0.75% to try to control runaway inflation. This is lower than a full 1% that was a concern to many when August numbers showed prices continuing to rise. The stock market responded accordingly with another loss in excess of 500 points. Your 2023 budget will likely be impacted.

PSATS Stormwater Conference Registration Fee Increases October 1!

If you have not yet registered for one of the Stormwater Conference dates, the registration fee will increase from \$150 to \$175 October 1! If your township is having difficulty complying with your current MS4 permit, has new employees wanting to know more about the role they play in your stormwater management program, or wants to learn the latest best practices for stormwater management, then you should send someone to attend the 2022 PSATS Stormwater Conference nearest you!

Register early to reserve your spot to learn cost-effective ways to better comply with your MS4 NPDES permit and state-of-the-art practices for improving your overall stormwater management program from the best in the business. Click on the link below to register for the location nearest you.

- ❑ [October 20 – Policy Track / DoubleTree Convention Center, Monroeville \(Allegheny County\)](#)
- ❑ [October 20 – Technical Track / DoubleTree Convention Center, Monroeville \(Allegheny County\)](#)
- ❑ [November 2 – Policy Track / PSATS Education Center, Enola, \(Cumberland County\)](#)
- ❑ [November 3 – Technical Track / PSATS Education Center, Enola, \(Cumberland County\)](#)
- ❑ [November 17 – Policy Track / DoubleTree Suites, Plymouth Meeting \(Montgomery County\)](#)
- ❑ [November 17 – Technical Track / DoubleTree Suites, Plymouth Meeting \(Montgomery County\)](#)

Each event starts at 9 a.m. and concludes by 3:15 p.m. Registration is \$150 per person until October 1, when it increases to \$175 per person, so click on the appropriate link above and register now!

Today in History.....

On September 22, 1975, Sara Jane Moore aims a gun at President Gerald Ford as he leaves the Saint Francis Hotel in San Francisco, California. The attempt on the president's life came only 17 days after another woman had tried to assassinate Ford while he was on his way to give a speech to the California legislature in Sacramento.

Legislative & Policy



Weak RTKL Reform Appears on Hold

The Senate did not advance any Right-to-Know Law reform yesterday. Instead, bills to enact weak reforms appear to be on hold as the 2021-2022 legislative session is rapidly running out of time. The Senate has six days remaining in this session and the House has only three, which means that any RTKL reform is unlikely with this little time remaining. Hopefully, this will allow for a solution in the next session more consistent with PSATS member adopted resolutions.

The Senate is on recess and will return to session on October 17. The House is on recess until October 24.

Other legislation of interest saw action yesterday as well:

[HB 1178](#) was unanimously approved by the House. The bill would **eliminate the 10-year limit on additional funding for merged fire companies** from the Fire Company and EMS Grant Program. In addition, the bill would create new programs funded by the fireworks tax in Act 74 of 2022. This includes a loan forgiveness and tuition assistance program for active volunteer firefighters and volunteer EMS providers, scholarships for EMS personnel, fireworks danger education, and capital and operational grants for municipal fire departments (but not volunteers) and EMS training centers. The bill would address PSATS resolutions.

[HB 1155](#) was reported out of the Senate Aging and Youth Committee. The bill would **exempt municipal recreation programs for preschool-aged children from state childcare regulations** if operating under a municipal ordinance or resolution that adopts health and safety standards consistent with the minimum standard provided in the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society Protocol for Public Preschool Recreation Programs.

[HR 130](#) was adopted by the House. The bill would direct the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to **study the Department of Transportation's practices in maintaining and completing infrastructure projects**.

Learn

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

Flagger Training

This instructor-led Flagger Training will be conducted for individuals who have flagging responsibilities on ANY ROAD OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

[9/26/22 - Venango County](#)

[9/28/22 - Montour County](#)

[10/4/22 - Erie County](#)

[10/5/22 - Franklin County](#)

[10/24/22 - Potter County](#)

[11/1/22 - Union County](#)

[11/2/22 - Clinton County](#)

[11/8/22 - Bradford County](#)

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

[11/15/22 - Centre County](#)



[Virtual Class - Stormwater 101 - 9/23/22](#)

This half-day, in-person, introductory class will educate you on the basics of municipal stormwater management, including the effects of stormwater runoff, the impacts of new development and redevelopment within your municipality, and best practices that your municipality can implement to efficiently manage stormwater without breaking your budget.



CDL - Probable Cause Training For CDL Supervisory Personnel

Participants will learn what to do if they suspect or verify that a CDL employee is under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol while on duty.

[9/28/22 - Cumberland County](#)

[10/12/22 - Bucks County](#)

[10/19/22 - Butler County](#)

[11/18/22 - Berks County](#)



CMV/CDL Records Management

This workshop will review CMV/CDL employee and vehicle paperwork.

[9/28/22 - Cumberland County](#)

[10/12/22 - Bucks County](#)

[10/19/22 - Butler County](#)

[11/18/22 - Berks County](#)



[2022 PSATS Fall Engineers Virtual Seminar - 10/27/22](#)

This full-day virtual seminar is designed to meet the educational interests and busy schedules of consulting engineers by providing a focused overview of important issues of interest to municipal engineers and their local government clients.



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