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## Latest News

### **Nominations Are Open for 2023 Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence!**

Each year, the commonwealth presents the annual Governor's Awards for Local Government Excellence to recognize local officials for their successes in undertaking innovative initiatives to improve the quality of life in their communities. Awardees are recognized during Local Government Week in April and again at the PSATS Conference.

Do you have local government leaders in your community who demonstrate exceptional dedication to public services? Nominate them today for the 2023 Governor's Awards for Local Government Excellence. Nominations will be accepted until January 17, 2023. To learn more, [click here](#).

### **Reminder: Act 57 Requires Townships to Adopt Tax Resolution**

[Act 57 of 2022](#) requires all municipalities that levy real estate taxes to adopt a resolution or ordinance directing their tax collector to implement its provisions. Townships have until January 9, 2023, to adopt a resolution or ordinance. As a member service, PSATS developed this [Act 57 of 2022 Model Resolution](#), which is also available [in Word format](#).

Act 57 allows taxpayers who fail to receive a tax notice during their first year of occupancy to apply for a waiver from penalties and additional costs from the tax collector. The state Department of Community and Economic Development has a standard waiver form available. Please keep in mind that Act 57 applies to tax notices sent beginning in 2023. [Click here](#) for the waiver form.

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

On November 28, 1925, The Grand Ole Opry, one of the longest-lived and most popular showcases for western music, began broadcasting live from Nashville, Tennessee. The showcase was originally named the Barn Dance, after a Chicago radio program called the National Barn Dance that had begun broadcasting the previous year.

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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.

### **[Working Your Way Through The Second Class Township Code - 11/30/22](#)**

Do you struggle with finding answers in the Second Class Township Code? Or, do you wonder if your township's practices actually match up with the law's requirements? Through this webinar, which will be set in a fun, game-style setting, you will become more comfortable with the Second Class Township Code and how it is organized and at the same time learn some new, or possibly forgotten, key aspects that will help you do your job in a more efficient and accurate manner.



### **[Implementing A Residential Conservation Development Ordinance - 12/7/22](#)**

This webinar presentation demonstrates the preparation and implementation of a Conservation Residential Development Ordinance that has been proven in a Township/as it transitions from Rural to Suburban.



### **[Get Prepared For The 2023 Organization Meeting - 12/13/22](#)**

If you are unsure whether you have everything ready for your township's 2023 Organization Meeting, required to be held the first Monday of January, then make sure to attend this webinar. Holly Fishel of PSATS will review best practices and checklists to help ensure that your township has a smooth organization meeting.



### **[How We Can Better Recruit Volunteer Firefighters - 1/5/23](#)**

This webinar will share case studies of what works and does not work when recruiting volunteer firefighters and, more importantly, discuss the changes that are necessary to keep people volunteering within your communities.



**The Municipal Chart Of Accounts - What And Why - 1/18/23**

In this webinar, Terri Cunkle from DCED's Center for Local Government Services will provide best practices when operating within the municipal Chart of Accounts, which is a listing of the account numbers used for municipal budgeting.



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