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## Township Video News



### **TVN's Question of the Week | What's the process for adopting our annual budget?**

In this week's Q&A, Katie goes over the process for townships to follow when it comes to planning an annual budget. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week.

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## Latest News

### **Correction: Issues with Webinar Link Published in Yesterday's Edition of the MN**

We apologize with the technical issues with the link for the **November 9 webinar**, which will be held from 1 to 2 p.m., on new water, sewer, and stormwater grant funding made available through commonwealth American Rescue Plan Act funds. The state Department of Community and Economic Development was having technical issues with both the webinar link and the program page links yesterday. Please use the new links below for the program pages and webinar, as the previously published links no longer work.

#### **New webinar link:**

<https://pubsec.webex.com/pubsec/j.php?RGID=r4f7216b6f96b20c0ff83169e07444a0c>

The **H2O PA – Water Supply, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Water Projects Program** is available for projects with a total cost between \$500,000 and \$20 million. Matching funds of not less than 50% of the amount awarded are required. [Click here](#) for the **program page**.

The **PA Small Water and Sewer Program** is available for projects with a total cost between \$30,000 and \$500,000. Matching funds of not less than 15% of the total eligible project cost are required. [Click here to learn more](#).

If you have issues with any of the links in this article, please reach out to Gregory Welker, Director, CFA Programs Division, at [gwelker@pa.gov](mailto:gwelker@pa.gov) or call him at 717-720-1321.

### **Fed Raises Interest Rates**

The U.S. Federal Reserve once again increased its short-term interest rate, this time by 0.75%. Chair Jerome Powell indicated that additional future rate hikes should be expected as it works to slow inflation. While this interest rate hike raises the cost of borrowing, it also raises the interest earned on banking deposits.

### **Private Planned Communities Cannot Impose Lifetime Bans on Sex Offenders**

In *Lake Naomi Club, Inc. v. Rosado*, \_\_\_ A.3d \_\_\_, 2022 WL \_\_\_\_\_ (Pa.Cmwlt. Nov. 2, 2022), the Commonwealth Court ruled that private communities cannot enforce restrictive covenants that prohibit lifetime registered sex offenders from residing within the community because they may not impose more restrictive standards on where released sex offenders may live than county and municipal governments.

### **Statewide Active Transportation Summit: Bikes & Beyond**

The [Statewide Active Transportation Summit: Bikes & Beyond](#) will be held Saturday, **November 12**, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster. This event is hosted by the Pennsylvania Downtown Center, Bicycle South Central PA, and 2022 Summit Sponsor Lancaster Bicycle Club.

Township officials and employees interested in promoting active transportation in their communities are welcome to attend. Topics include walking, biking, and accessibility, including completed active transportation improvements and examples of work

underway. Attendees can select breakout afternoon sessions and enjoy a bike tour of downtown Lancaster infrastructure or a walking tour of the F&M campus after the event.

[Registration](#) includes lunch and snacks and costs \$35. Questions may be directed to Marilyn Chastek at [mchastek2009@gmail.com](mailto:mchastek2009@gmail.com) or Sam Pearson at [sampearson@padowntown.org](mailto:sampearson@padowntown.org), 781-366-0726.

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

On November 3, 2014, One World Trade Center officially opened in Manhattan. The new tower, along with the rest of the World Trade Center complex, replaced the Twin Towers and surrounding complex, which were destroyed by terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. As the city and the nation reeled from the attacks, which set into motion the series of U.S.-led military operations dubbed the War on Terror, it was earlier decided that the Twin Towers should be replaced by new office buildings, parks, a museum, and a memorial to those who died.

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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.

### **Flagger Training**

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

[11/7/22 - Tioga County](#)

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

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

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

[3/1/23 - York County](#)

[3/7/23 - Lehigh County](#)

[4/23/23 - Dauphin County](#)



### **PSATS 2022 Virtual Stormwater Conference**

Do you have municipal clients whose stormwater management program needs some help? Do they have problems complying with their current MS4 permit? Do they want to know more about the next MS4 permit? Are they interested in learning the latest best practices for stormwater management? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then you (and they!) will want to attend either the “2022 PSATS Virtual Stormwater Conference Technical



Track” or the “2022 PSATS Virtual Stormwater Conference Policy Track” as appropriate.

[Virtual Technical Track on Nov. 9](#)  
[Virtual Policy Track on Nov. 10](#)

### **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.

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



### **CMV/CDL Records Management**

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

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



### **2023 Engineers Spring Seminar - 4/24 & 4/25, 2023**

The 2023 “Spring Township Engineers Seminar” is a series of two half-day events on Monday and Tuesday mornings during the PSATS Annual Conference in Hershey. Each morning's agenda will include important issues of interest to municipal engineers and their local government clients taught by knowledgeable and respected subject matter experts. We encourage your attendance at both of these interactive and informative sessions, each of which provides 3 PDHs per day.



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