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Township Video News



TVN's Question of the Week | Can a township supervisor serve on the planning commission and be paid the same as other planning commission members?

Check out this week's Q&A for the answers to this two-part question. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week.

Latest News

Shapiro Eliminates College Degree Requirements for Most State Jobs

Yesterday, Gov. Josh Shapiro signed an Executive Order that eliminates four-year degree requirements for 65,000 state jobs, 92% of the total. Instead, candidates would emphasize skills-based training and relevant work experience when applying for commonwealth job postings.

The Secretary of Administration is directed to review the remaining commonwealth jobs and determine which classifications are appropriate to include practical experience in lieu of or in addition to a four-year college degree requirement. Click here [for more](#).

New PennDOT Guide for Developing Transportation Grant Proposals

PennDOT has developed a guide covering direction and development of grant proposals for the many opportunities stemming from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). This [Guide for Developing BIL Grant Proposals](#) identifies key steps and considerations in the grant-development process, including checklists and templates where applicable to support applications.

This document can be accessed on PennDOT's [Grant Alerts Page](#) for competitive grant programs offered under [BIL](#). As a reminder, PennDOT's Grant Alerts provides basic background information about these grant opportunities as they are announced, including eligibility and application due dates, project time frames, and PennDOT's areas of emphasis and support.

Keystone Historic Preservation Grant Program Open

The Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC) is accepting applications for the Keystone Historic Preservation Grant Program. Two categories of grants – construction and planning – are available, and applicants may apply for only one type of grant. Applications are due **March 1** and must be submitted online through the [Single Application for Assistance](#).

[Keystone Historic Preservation Construction Grants](#) are available for rehabilitation, preservation, and restoration activities for publicly accessible historic resources. Awards will range from \$5,000 to \$100,000 and require a 50% cash match.

[Keystone Historic Preservation Project Grants](#) are available for planning and development initiatives that enhance historic preservation, including municipal planning focusing on historic resources or building- or project-specific planning goals. Awards will range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 and require a 50% cash match.

For more information about the Keystone Grant Program, please view the webinars available on PHMC's [YouTube channel](#), or contact Karen Arnold, program manager, at kaarnold@pa.gov or (717) 783-9927.

Legislation & Policy



The Pennsylvania Senate met yesterday and recessed until February 27.

Senate Approves Fire Training Pilot Program for High School Students

Yesterday, the Senate unanimously approved [SB 114](#), which would authorize a pilot program selected by the State Fire Commissioner for three community colleges or universities to provide firefighter training leading to Firefighter I certification for local high school students in partnership with their school district or school. A similar program was authorized for emergency medical service positions in 2022. PSATS supports this bill, which would address a PSATS resolution. The bill will now go to the House for consideration.

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.

[1/30/23 - Cumberland County](#)

[2/28/23 - Montgomery County](#)

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

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

[3/9/23 - Indiana County](#)

[3/15/23 - Mercer County](#)

[3/23/23 - Erie County](#)



[4/4/23 - Chester County](#)
[4/6/23 - Lackawanna 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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