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Township Video News



TVN's DaveTalk | Help is a two-way street!

If you've ever asked yourself, "How can I help PSATS?", Executive Director Dave Sanko has an idea for you for every day of the week.

Latest News

Broadband Authority Accepting Input on New Grant Program

The Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority will soon release grant program guidelines and open its application period for a \$200 million Pennsylvania Broadband Infrastructure Program, a competitive grant program that is funded through the American Rescue Plan Act's Capital Projects Fund. The program will target locations that do not currently have access to 25/3 Mbps reliable internet service. Eligible applicants include local governments, non-profits, cooperatives, and private entities. The program will fund extensions of existing last-mile cable modem and fiber-to-the-premises broadband networks, as well as large-scale regional projects that can transform broadband availability by serving large numbers of eligible addresses.

As the Authority finalizes program guidelines, it is requesting feedback on several items where U.S. Treasury has provided flexibility: match requirements, maximum award amount, definition of affordability, and the challenge period. The [public comment period for the Pennsylvania Broadband Infrastructure Program](#) is now open. Organizations and individuals are encouraged to provide feedback to help inform the creation of the guidelines by Thursday, **February 23**. [Click here](#) for the press release.

Local Match Challenges for Transportation Infrastructure Projects?

PSATS is collecting information about municipalities that have been challenged by the inability to secure the required local match for transportation infrastructure projects. If your township has been in that situation, please contact Katie Lizza at klizza@psats.org.

Learn

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

[Basic Training For Municipal Secretaries And Administrators - 2/23/23 - York County](#)

This is your opportunity to learn from acknowledged experts about all the most important issues township secretaries and managers need to know. Topics covered will range from budgeting, purchasing, advertising and meeting management all the way to human resource issues and public engagement.



[2023 Update - Retirement Plans, Employee Hot Topics, Using Solicitors And More - 2/28/23 - Erie Co.](#)

In this event, which features a pre-program networking lunch, the team from Knox Law will cover a variety of issues important to municipalities. Those include:

- *10 Retirement Plan Administration Mistakes & How to Fix Them- Nadia Havard*
- *Hot Topics in Municipal Labor & Employment Law for 2023 - Matt Lasher*
- *The Role of the Solicitor: How Solicitors can be Effective Members of the Township Team - Tim Wachter*
- Q&A



PSATS Mini Boot Camp for Township Officials

Mini Boot Camps Coming in March! If you have been appointed as a supervisor or staff member in the last year or since the 2021 election and are looking to get caught up on your new township responsibilities, join PSATS for one of three one-day Mini Boot Camps in March. Sessions will be offered in Clarion on **March 11** and Lewisburg and Allentown on **March 18**. This course will cover the authority and powers of township boards, personnel management, the Right-to-Know Law, Sunshine Act and Ethics Act, public safety/emergency management, basic budgeting/finance, internal and external communications, and more.



- [3/11/23 - Clarion County](#)
- [3/18/23 - Lehigh County](#)
- [3/18/23 - Union County](#)

The Next Chapter: Building Confidence In Your Administrative Role - 3/21/23 - Chester County

You may have taken PSATS' Basic Training for Secretaries and Administrators class and are wondering "now what?" If so, then this course is for you. Some of you believe that there is no free lunch, which is true, but you can share a day, including lunch, with three experienced municipal administrators where you can enhance your knowledge base and become more confident in your administrative role. In addition to providing best practices for financial security procedures, agenda and meeting practices, land development procedures, liquid fuels reports, and the administrative role in coordinating with fire and EMS services, there will be two roundtable discussions for you to bring your concerns and questions.



Engaging The Public - Agendas, Minutes, Public Comment & RTKL Requests - Virtual Class - 3/23/23

In this virtual class, we will cover a series of common, but challenging, issues that township administrators face when working with and responding to members of the public and media and highlight ways to effectively address them.



5 Keys To Being The Kind Of Leader People WANT To Follow - 4/23/23 - Dauphin County

In this class, we will explore five fundamental and timeless principles (you could even call them laws) that hold the key to becoming the kind of leader that people on your team WANT to follow. You will be provided with the principles and the tools that will enable you to become the kind of leader people willingly, voluntarily, and enthusiastically WANT to follow. This class will be done in a fun, engaging, and highly interactive format.



2023 Solicitors Spring Seminar - 4/24/23

This seminar will cover a wide variety of emerging and important trends and issues vital to the practice of every municipal solicitor. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from experts and network with your peers from around the state.



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