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Township Video News



TVN's Question of the Week | What do we do with Cumulative Supplement #1?

Watch this week's Q&A to get answers on what township officials need to do with this supplement and the Second Class Township Code. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week.

Latest News

Reminder: Townships Encouraged to Tell PennDOT How to Spend Transportation Funds

Every two years, the State Transportation Commission (STC) and the state Department of Transportation (PennDOT) conduct a statewide survey to gather feedback on Pennsylvania's transportation system as part of the 12-Year Transportation Program update. [Click here](#) to take the survey!

Townships are encouraged to participate in the survey and help identify where state and federal funds should be spent by categories, including traffic flow, bridges, pavement, public transit, and aviation. Participants will identify how they travel throughout the commonwealth (by car, mass transit, bike, etc.). More important, participants can identify a transportation problem at a specific location on a map and provide a description of that issue to encourage PennDOT to address the issue. Finally, participants determine how to spend allocated funds by percentage across six transportation categories.

Reminder: PA American Water Accepting Applications for Environmental Grants

Pennsylvania American Water is accepting applications for the company's 2023 Environmental Grant Program. The program offers funding for innovative, community-based environmental projects that improve, restore, or protect the watersheds, surface water, and groundwater supplies in local communities.

To qualify, proposed projects must be:

- Located within the [Pennsylvania American Water service area](#);
- Completed between May and November of the grant funding year;
- Be a new, innovative, community initiative or serve as a significant expansion to an existing program;
- Be carried out by a formal or informal partnership between two or more organizations; and
- Provide evidence of sustainability (*continued existence after the grant monies are used*).

A panel of judges will evaluate the applications based on environmental need, innovation, community engagement, and sustainability. Information and applications can be found on the [Environmental Grant Program page](#) of the company's website, under News & Community. For additional information, please contact pa.communityrelations@amwater.com. Applications must be postmarked by **March 31** and recipients will be notified in late April.

Legislation & Policy



Senate Committee Advances Radar Bill

Yesterday, the Senate Transportation Committee reported out [SB 459](#), a bill that would authorize local police to use radar for speed enforcement.

Municipal police would be required to meet the same standards as the Pennsylvania State Police when using this equipment.

SB 459 would also require a municipality's governing body to pass an ordinance and place signs in the municipality stipulating that the police may use radar, would require the issuance of written warnings for the first 90 days, and would place a cap on the amount of money a municipality may retain from speeding tickets written using radar.

The Association supports the use of radar for local police, which would address a PSATS resolution.

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.

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

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

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

[3/30/23 - Delaware County](#)

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

[4/13/23 - Erie County](#)

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

[5/3/23 - Lackawanna County](#)

[5/4/23 - Lancaster County](#)

[5/10/23 - Monroe County](#)

[5/15/23 - Cambria County](#)

[5/23/23 - Montgomery 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.



[Performing MS4 Outfall Inspections - Virtual Class - Virtual Class - 5/18/23](#)

In this virtual class, attendees will learn a workable, effective framework for establishing a hierarchy for outfall inspections, a protocol for performing inspections in the field, and method for inspecting documenting and addressing potential illicit discharges. This class, which will be led by Mark Harman of ARRO Consulting, will benefit everyone involved in your township's stormwater management program, including supervisors, managers/secretaries, and public works management and staff.



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