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Latest News

Liquid Fuels Funds Released Today

The state Department of Transportation is scheduled to release 2023 liquid fuels funds on March 1 of each year to all municipalities that have filed the required paperwork. For 2023, the final population factor is \$18.0810 per person and the mileage factor is \$3,211.1431 per mile.

“We appreciate that PennDOT recognizes that local government is an important partner of the transportation network in Pennsylvania, being responsible for two-thirds of the road miles in the commonwealth,” says PSATS Executive Director David Sanko. “This liquid fuels distribution is an integral part of local funding, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with PennDOT to help ensure that local governments are able to cover the costs of building and maintaining our portion of the network.”

Zero-Emission Vehicle Fleet Grants Deadline Extended

The state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is continuing to accept applications for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle (MHD-ZEV) Fleet pilot grants under the [Driving PA Forward Program](#). The deadline to apply has been extended until **March 31**.

Townships that operate diesel-powered fleets may apply for funds to replace either 20% of the fleet or at least five Class 4 to 8 trucks from model years 1992 to 2009. Townships may be reimbursed for up to 90% of eligible project costs, including vehicle purchases and associated infrastructure (*charging stations and electric service upgrades*).

A virtual pre-application meeting with a DEP program administrator is **required for all applicants**. To schedule a pre-application meeting, contact Driving PA Forward program staff at (717) 787-9495 or RA-EPVWMITIGATION@pa.gov.

Digital Edition Now Available!

Township News Explores How to Prevent Fraud & Corruption

Local government is not immune to fraud and theft, whether embezzlement or illegal use of township manpower, equipment, and supplies. By identifying risks, implementing best practices, and staying up to date on laws and ethics regulations, township officials can reduce the risk of financial shenanigans in their township. This month's edition also includes features on burdensome unfunded mandates, effective grant writing, the many varieties of municipalities in Pennsylvania, new guidance on grid-scale solar development, and funding for broadband expansion.

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Legislation & Policy



Speaker Rozzi Resigns, McClinton Elected Speaker

In the state House of Representatives, Democrats now hold a 102-100 majority with one vacancy due to the resignation of former representative and now Sen. Linda Schlegel Culver, who took office yesterday in Pennsylvania's 27th District.

Yesterday, Speaker Rozzi submitted his resignation as speaker, leading to

a new vote for speaker. Rep. Joanna McClinton was elected 102-99 as the first woman to serve as Speaker of the House in Pennsylvania's history, defeating Rep. Carl Walker Metzgar.

McClinton's new position as House Speaker led to a reshuffling of the House Democratic Caucus leadership:

House Democratic Caucus

House Democratic Leader: Rep. Matt Bradford

House Democratic Whip: Rep. Dan Miller

House Democratic Appropriations Chair: Rep. Jordan Harris

House Democratic Caucus Chair: Rep. Mike Schlossberg

House Democratic Caucus Secretary: Rep. Tina Davis

House Democratic Policy Committee Chair: Rep. Ryan Bizzarro

House Democratic Caucus Administrator: Rep. LeAnn Kruger

The state House of Representatives returns to voting session today at 11 a.m. and may consider rules of procedure for regular session, which it has not yet adopted. The Senate will also meet in voting session today at 11:30 a.m. [Click here](#) to view the proceedings.

Senate Approves Phase Out of Motor License Fund Transfers to PSP

Yesterday, the state Senate passed [SB 121](#) by a vote of 28 to 21. The bill would phase out transfers of money from the Motor License Fund to the Pennsylvania State Police from \$250 million in the 2023-2024 budget to \$0 by the 2028-2029 budget. As the fund transfers to State Police dwindle, the revenue is shifted into the PennDOT budget and the amount allocated to local government is zero at each step of the way.

Learn

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



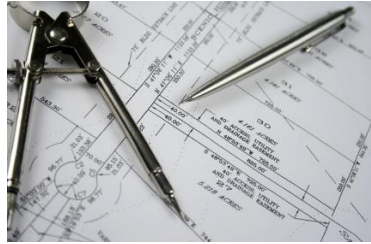
Duties Of A Zoning Hearing Board

From making decisions on contentious public issues to learning the ins and outs of the Municipalities Planning Code, being a member of a zoning hearing board can be a challenge. Attend this class to be better prepared for the next meeting or hearing.

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

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

[3/28/23 - Lancaster County](#)



[Fundamentals Of Zoning – The Why And How Of Zoning - 3/22/23 - Cumberland County](#)

This workshop explains why we have zoning, how we implement it, and the tools it affords townships to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare. The workshop is intended to educate both the newest supervisors and the ones who have seen it all.



[2023 PAAZO Spring Seminar - 4/23/23 - Dauphin County](#)

This educational seminar explores issues that zoning officers and planning/zoning officials face on a regular basis, and discusses effective strategies to address them.

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