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## Township Video News



### **TVN's Coffee and the Capitol | Breaking Down the Budget with Rep. Sheryl Delozier**

In this month's Coffee and the Capitol, PSATS Director of Government Relations Joe Gerdes chats with Rep. Sheryl Delozier about Gov. Shapiro's recent budget address, changes in the House and Senate, and how local government leaders make an impact on legislative policy.

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## Latest News

### **Townships Receive Multimodal, Gaming Grants**

The Commonwealth Financing Authority awarded \$56 million in grants for 155 Multimodal Transportation Fund projects in 45 counties. Dozens of townships received awards, including Barnett Township, Forest County, for a culvert replacement; Croyle Township, Cambria County, for resurfacing projects; and East Lampeter Township, Lancaster County, for an intersection project. [Click here](#) for the press release.

The CFA also awarded \$263 million in 843 Statewide Local Share Account grants, as well as local grants to those in impacted counties. These grants are funded by gaming revenues. More than 100 townships received grants through this program for road and police vehicles to parks and trails to pools to community buildings to water and sewer upgrades. [Click here](#) for the list of Multimodal and Local Share awardees and their projects.

### **WalkWorks Active Transportation Plan Grants Available**

The state Department of Health (DOH) and Pennsylvania Downtown Center announced a funding opportunity under the WalkWorks Initiative. Funds will be available to assist with plan development to identify and prioritize active transportation projects with an emphasis on walking, biking, wheelchair use, and public transit. The active transportation plan may be part of a comprehensive plan as required by the Municipalities Planning Code or a stand-alone document.

Townships may apply using the form provided in the funding opportunity announcement by **May 26**. Priority will be given to communities located in DOH's [State Physical Activity and Nutrition grant priority counties](#) or the Department of Environmental Protection's [Environmental Justice Areas](#).

For more information, including the Funding Opportunity Announcement, application form, and informational webinar, please visit the DOH [WalkWorks webpage](#).

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## Legislation & Policy



### **PSATS Participates in Joint Testimony on OSHA Legislation**

Yesterday, PSATS participated in a joint testimony by the local government associations explaining concerns with [SB 93](#), which would impose OSHA standards on public employers in Pennsylvania. The testimony was presented by the Risk Management Director of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, who explained how this unfunded mandate would impact state and local governments and non-profits providing services for local governments. [Click here](#) to read the testimony.

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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.

### **[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.



### **[Robert's Rules Of Order 101 - Common Motions And Procedural Rules - 3/29/23 - Cumberland County](#)**

While not required to do so, many municipalities use Robert's Rules of Order or some variation to provide stability and organization to the management of their meetings. In this class, we will cover the various motions (and their correct form) that are commonly used at public meetings, review how to prepare for meetings by scripting motions or expected actions to facilitate intended discussion, discuss participant behavior and exceptions to standard parliamentary procedure, and why specific rules should be in place for your board



during public meetings.

### **Basic Training For Municipal Secretaries And Administrators - 4/10/23 - Bedford 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.



### **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.



### **The Next Chapter: Building Confidence In Your Administrative Role - 5/25/23 - York 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.



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