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PSATS 2023 Educational Conference & Exhibit Show



PSATS 2023 Conference | Back to the Conference: Part I

What happens when PSATS Executive Director Dave Sanko gets behind the wheel of the DeLorean time machine from Back to the Future? You'll have to watch this first episode of "Back to the Conference!" to find out!

Latest News

Shapiro Gives First Budget Address

Gov. Josh Shapiro presented his first budget address yesterday before a joint session of the General Assembly. Shapiro unveiled a \$44.4 billion proposed 2023-2024 state budget, an increase over the 2022-2023 adopted budget. Notably, the proposal does not include any new or expanded taxes or fees. It also doesn't propose cutting funding for townships or other local governments. Legislative reaction generally saw the proposal as a starting point for budget negotiations.

The proposal does call for expanding access and increasing benefits for low-income Pennsylvanians, such as SNAP, the Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program, and subsidized childcare and eliminating the gross receipts and sales tax on cellphone bills while increasing the 911 surcharge. In his address, Shapiro called for increases for education, increasing options for postsecondary education, more funding for mental health resources, and providing personal income tax credits for nurses, teachers, and police officers. Shapiro proposed additional funding for the Municipal Assistance Program, which can be used to provide shared services and community planning. To read the press release with links to budget documents, [click here](#).

PSATS' Legislative Staff will host a FREE Members-Only budget briefing tomorrow, **March 9**, from 2-3 p.m. to help our members understand the proposal and the effect it will have on your township. This interactive session will provide a timeline of the budget process and highlight the top issues PSATS will focus on during budget discussions in the coming months. [Click here](#) to register for the PSATS budget briefing.

Legislation & Policy



The state Senate and House of Representatives will be in voting session today. [Click here](#) to view the proceedings.

House Appoints Chairs, Committee Members for 2023-2024 Legislative Session

Yesterday, the House appointed chairs and members to committees for the 2023-2024 legislative session.

Agriculture & Rural Affairs

- Rep. Eddie Day Pashinski, Chair
- Rep. Dan Moul, Minority Chair

Appropriations

- Rep. Jordan Harris, Chair
- Rep. Seth Grove, Minority Chair

Consumer Protection, Technology, and Utilities

- Rep. Robert F. Matzie, Chair
- Rep. Jim Marshall, Minority Chair

Environmental Resources & Energy

- Rep. Greg Vitali, Chair
- Rep. Martin Causer, Minority Chair

Finance

- Rep. Steve Samuelson, Chair
- Rep. Keith Greiner, Minority Chair

Housing and Community Development

- Rep. P. Michael Sturla, Chair
- Rep. Rich Irvin, Minority Chair

Labor & Industry

- Rep. Jason Dawkins, Chair
- Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, Minority Chair

Local Government

- Rep. Robert Freeman, Chair
- Rep. R. Lee James, Minority Chair

State

- Rep. Scott Conklin, Chair
- Rep. Brad Roae, Minority Chair

Transportation

- Rep. Ed Neilson, Chair
- Rep. Kerry Benninghoff, Minority Chair

Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee

- Rep. Mark Gillen, Chair
- Rep. Jared G. Solomon, Minority Chair

Senate Passes PFAS Firefighting Foam Bill

Yesterday, the Senate passed [SB 144](#), which would prohibit the use of Class B firefighting foams that contain PFAS from being used in training exercises. Class B firefighting foam could be used for emergency firefighting and fire prevention. The bill was amended in the Senate to require a manufacturer of personal protective fire equipment to fix warning labels to products sold in Pennsylvania to disclose if it contains a perfluorooctane (PFOS) or perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA).

Learn

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



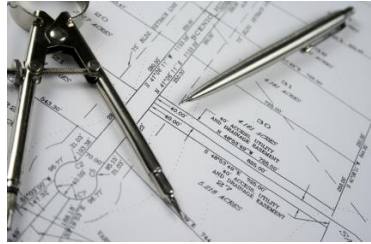
Duties Of A Zoning Hearing Board

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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