2022-2026 PSATS RESOLUTIONS

22-01 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require that the state Department of Environmental Protection immediately issue all necessary permits for emergency relief that would allow municipalities to perform standard flood mitigation to remove stream impediments, such as gravel bars, that will prevent the exacerbation of flooding before, during, or after a flood event.
TIOGA COUNTY & PSATS EXECUTIVE BOARD

22-02 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Environmental Protection to follow Act 26 of 2017 and Act 34 of 2020 and allow for the use of alternative wastewater disposal systems to satisfy sewage facilities planning for subdivisions and land developments in Pennsylvania. WASHINGTON COUNTY

22-03 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose transfers of any funds from the Recycling Fund to the commonwealth's General Fund. ALLEGHENY, BLAIR, AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES

22-04 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling, and Waste Reduction Act *(Act 101 of 1988)* to require the state Department of Environmental Protection to fund recycling performance grant awards in full before any Recycling Fund monies may be used for other recycling program activities. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-05 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require that private organizations using fire police be solely responsible for workers' compensation insurance or other insurance for those fire police.
2,000-5,000 POPULATION COMMITTEE

22-06 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to increase the reimbursement rates for ambulance service, including Medicare reimbursement. FOREST COUNTY

22-07 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize EMS volunteers to serve with minimum certification and training requirements while they obtain experience. FOREST COUNTY

22-09 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation and any necessary state constitutional amendments to allow the development of a uniformed county law enforcement department.
OVER 10,000 POPULATION COMMITTEE

22-11 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 1536 of the Second Class Township Code to allow townships to take ownership and control of cemeteries prior to such cemeteries becoming neglected and/or abandoned. COLUMBIA COUNTY

22-12 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Transportation to maintain all state roads and highways at the commonwealth's sole expense, including but not limited to stormwater facilities, roundabouts, sidewalks, and bike lanes that are within the Department's right of way.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-13 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek a change in regulations that would allow municipalities to purchase cinders for winter road use that are not approved by the state Department of Transportation but would meet requirements set by municipalities. BRADFORD COUNTY

22-14 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek a change in regulations that would allow municipalities to set their own requirements for stone to be used on roads as a wearing course. BRADFORD COUNTY

22-15 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek a change in regulations that would exempt municipalities from the state Department of Transportation restrictions for winter maintenance materials, such as cinders and anti-skid. BRADFORD COUNTY

22-16 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose efforts by distributed antenna system (DAS) providers and communications tower/antenna contractors to exempt these facilities from municipal land use and right-of-way regulations. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-17 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose state and federal legislation that would eliminate a township's capacity to negotiate with a cable or telecommunications provider, restrict a township's authority to protect and maintain its rights of way, or exempt items from franchise fees. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-18 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would restrict or remove municipal land use controls or exempt any use from land use requirements. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-20 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the development of a civics/local government curriculum to educate young people about local government and increase their awareness of the value of municipal government. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-26 RESOLVED, That PSATS support any legislation that would reduce the financial burden of legal advertising for municipalities. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-28 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Law *(Act 442 of 1961)* to exclude activities that are currently classified as construction but were previously classified as road maintenance from coverage by the act. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-29 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to repeal the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Law *(Act 442 of 1961)* or authorize townships to choose whether or not they wish to be subject to the provisions of the law. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-30 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Article VIII of the Pennsylvania Constitution to prohibit the enactment of new state laws that impose new costs on municipalities unless the General Assembly provides sufficient funds for their implementation. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-31 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Environmental Protection to commit permanent, recurring funding for stream restoration and stabilization programs. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-32 RESOLVED, that PSATS seek legislation to authorize additional options for municipalities to provide local police protection to their residents, such as entering into voluntary contracts, including with the Pennsylvania State Police for dedicated trooper services not from the current complement. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-33 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 3205 of the Second Class Township Code to authorize the board of supervisors to levy an annual special tax, not to exceed five mills, to establish, fund, and/or operate a township or regional police department or to contract with another municipality for police protection. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-34 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide a state income tax deduction for active volunteer firefighters and fire police as defined by fire company bylaws and recognized by the supporting municipality. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-35 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide a state income tax deduction for employers who allow active volunteer firefighters and fire police, as defined by fire company bylaws and recognized by the supporting municipality, to respond to emergencies during work hours. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-36 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide a federal income tax deduction for employers who allow active volunteer firefighters and fire police, as defined by fire company bylaws and recognized by the supporting municipality, to respond to emergencies during work hours. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-37 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to create a system to track and compel utility company response within four hours of receiving notice from the municipality or 911 center that their facilities are creating a hazard, obstacle, or nuisance to the public, AND FURTHER, that the PUC be authorized to levy fines on utilities that fail to timely respond and provide notice to the municipality and 911 center that the situation has been resolved or is being addressed. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-38 RESOLVED, that PSATS urge the state Department of Transportation to modify Title 67 of the Pennsylvania Code Section 231.8, to exempt emergency service vehicles from the need to comply with pre-trip inspection requirements of 49 CFR Section 396.13 when any firefighter with a CDL license is driving fire apparatus to an emergency call, provided that the emergency service's chief employee signs a record certifying that the commercial motor vehicles under their control are always kept in a safe and ready state. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-39 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to adopt a standard ID card for Pennsylvania emergency responders and appointed and elected officials to provide proof of their position. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-40 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to implement a statewide ban on the ignition and launch of sky lanterns to reduce the risk of fires caused by the open flames on these devices. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-41 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation mandating a countywide collection of the real estate tax. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-42 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any legislation that would exempt subjects from or reduce the amusement tax. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-43 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to prohibit the state Department of Transportation from requiring municipalities to accept responsibility for the maintenance and liability of sidewalks installed along state roads as a precondition for the installation or reconstruction of any sidewalk along a state road. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-44 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Transportation to pay a proportionate share of the cost for operating and maintaining traffic control systems on state highways and to take full responsibility for the programming, operation, and maintenance of interconnected and closed-loop signal systems. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-46 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Environmental Protection to allow townships to use recycled asphalt as a surface material on unpaved roads and road berms. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-47 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to prohibit state agencies from issuing permits and/or licenses to applicants who are not in compliance with applicable local ordinances. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-48 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would require municipalities or third-party agencies acting as building code officials under Section 501(b) of the Uniform Construction Code to accept inspections or inspection reports from persons not retained, employed, or authorized by the municipality. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-49 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge redistricting efforts to preserve the principle of one person, one vote, by placing municipalities entirely within the same legislative district as a community of interest in order to avoid situations where individual municipalities are divided into different legislative districts. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

22-50 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Borough Code to eliminate the ability to create a borough from a township of the second class. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-03 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek to amend the Second Class Township Code to provide for a dedicated millage for the maintenance and repair of township roads. BUCKS COUNTY

23-05 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 3362 of Title 75 *(Vehicles)* of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to set the default speed limit on unposted unpaved roads, including dirt and gravel, at 35 mph instead of the current 55 mph. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-07 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize experienced municipal employees with a Class A or Class B CDL license to provide entry-level driver training to new municipal employees, as an alternative to mandatory training, prior to taking the driving test and written examination to obtain a Class B CDL license. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-08 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Law to exclude projects where a non-public body is paying the project costs. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-09 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Right-to-Know Law *(Act 3 of 2008)* to authorize local agencies to ask if requested documents will be used for resale, business solicitation, or financial gain and allow agencies to charge a reasonable fee to cover all costs associated with fulfilling these commercial records requests, including labor costs for time spent traveling, duplicating documents, and providing online responses. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-12 RESOLVED, That PSATS seeks to sunset provisions for Act 17 of 2020 benefits for municipal personnel that contract COVID, consistent with the expiration of other pandemic-related emergency benefits. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-13 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to permit municipalities with excess police pension funds from a disbanded or defunct municipal police department to transfer these unencumbered funds to another municipal police pension fund within the Commonwealth. BUCKS COUNTY

23-15 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 3751(b)(2) of Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to increase the fees that local police departments may charge for police report requests from $15 to $30. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-16 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any effort, legislative or otherwise, to infringe upon townships' ability to charge appropriate stormwater management fees on property owners.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-18 RESOLVED That PSATS seek legislation that municipalities and municipal authorities levying stormwater management fees provide for unlimited offsetting credits to those fees for the following:

a. Each acre of compliance under each of the following: a National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or County Conservation District approved Conservation Plan, an Erosion and Sediment Plan, an Act 38 Nutrient Management Plan, and/or an implemented NRCS Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan;
b. Each approved Manure Management Plan;
c. Erosion controlling structures including diversion ditches, grass waterways, stone waterways and terraces;
d. NRCS or County Conservation District approved manure holding structures;
e. Each acre of forested, wooded, or grass field, or open space; and
f. Positive ratios of pervious to impervious areas.

COLUMBIA COUNTY

23-19 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide additional means of funding for emergency medical services and to engage in efforts to obtain additional sources of funding for emergency medical services. CRAWFORD COUNTY

23-20 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require that emergency service providers that offer membership to their organization give amnesty to members from any fees or charges for services provided that are not covered by the members' insurance, AND FURTHER, that such providers honor amnesty given by other emergency services providers to their members. COLUMBIA COUNTY

23-25 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation confirming that municipalities may require owners of short-term rentals to comply with licensing, permitting, and inspection requirements, regardless of whether the municipality has zoning. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-26 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the state Manufactured Housing Improvement Act *(36 P.S. 1658)* to authorize the owner of a pre-owned manufactured home to relocate the home and attest to and assume liability for the condition of the structure if the homeowner cannot find a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-licensed contractor willing to certify the proper anchoring and structural condition of the pre-owned manufactured home. CUMBERLAND COUNTY

23-27 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any policies or regulations from the state Department of Environmental Protection that would limit the ability of municipalities to determine how best to enforce their recycling ordinances, AND FURTHER, that PSATS oppose any efforts to withhold grant monies if a municipality fails to comply with the department's recycling policies. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-28 RESOLVED That PSATS urge the state Department of Environmental Protection to expedite approval of a waiver process from certain permitting criteria for elevated boardwalks in wetlands when used for educational and interpretive purposes under 25 Pa. Code, Chapter 105, Dam Safety and Waterway Management. CENTRE COUNTY

23-30 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Act 12 of 2016 to require more public input when wastewater and water facilities are proposed to be acquired by private utilities by requiring the selling municipality or authority to publicize the proposed sale for at least 180 days and to require at least one public meeting prior to the municipality or authority's vote on the sale. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-31 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Act 12 of 2016 to prohibit for-profit private utilities from acquiring municipal and authority owned water and sewer systems based on "fair market value" as defined in Act 12 instead of "book value" which was the valuation method used prior to Act 12, AND FURTHER, that "fair market value" be used when purchasing water or sewer systems from distressed municipalities or municipal authorities. BUCKS COUNTY

23-36 RESOLVED That PSATS seek legislation to authorize community solar facilities, which are small, local solar facilities shared by multiple voluntary community subscribers who receive credit on their electricity bills for their share of the power produced. CENTRE COUNTY

23-37 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to implement the Senate Resolution 323 Unfunded Mandate Report's recommendation to establish a municipal mandate impact statement as part of the legislative process to identify legislation that would have a fiscal impact on local governments and require the commonwealth to share the cost of any new municipal mandate based on this statement unless overridden by a two-thirds vote of the Senate and House. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-38 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Transportation to authorize the use of single yellow lines on local roads as a guide for motorists, to help them navigate better in the dark and during inclement weather. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-40 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Title 42 (*Judicial Code*) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, Section 3573 (*municipal corporation portion of fines*), to authorize municipalities that provide local police service through their own department, regional police department, or by contract with another municipality to keep all fines from citations issued by local police within their jurisdiction. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-41 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 217.8 of Act 111 of 1968 (*Collective Bargaining by Police and Firemen*) to require both parties involved in arbitration to equally share the costs of compensating the third member of the board of arbitration and all other expenses incurred by the board. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-43 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to establish a flexible tax structure for local government and ensure that the tax burden is shared equitably among all categories of taxpayers, including individuals, businesses and industry, and that it shall include, but not be limited to, property, revenue, business, and income taxes. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-44 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require state agencies, commissions, and authorities to comply with municipal land development and zoning ordinances when developing state-owned land. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-45 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 7(a.1)(2) of the state's Sewage Facilities Law (*Act 537 of 1966*) to increase the $25 maximum fee for verification of siting requirements for 10-acre septic system exemptions and allow the local agency to set a fee to cover its costs of verifying these exemptions. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-46 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Article V-A of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968, as amended*) to authorize municipalities to use traffic impact fees for the following activities:

1) Construction, acquisition, and expansion of municipal facilities not identified in the capital improvements plan;
2) Repair, operation, and maintenance of existing or new capital improvements;
3) Upgrading, updating, expanding, or replacing capital improvements that serve existing land uses to comply with stricter safety, efficiency, environmental, and regulatory standards; and
4) Preparation of the land use assumptions plan and the capital improvements plan, which are required for the adoption of a transportation impact fee ordinance.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-47 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Second Class Township Code to provide a mechanism for townships to recover expenses incurred due to arbitrary, capricious, retaliatory, or punitive actions of the township's board of elected auditors. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-49 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Covered Devices Recycling Act of 2010 to create a more stable and comprehensive manufacturer-implemented electronics recycling infrastructure AND FURTHER, that such changes provide for year-round collection of electronics waste in a manner consistent with convenience standards relevant to both rural and urban populations and alleviate the immediate financial pressures faced by local governments because of this act. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-50 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to clarify that banks and lending institutions holding mortgages have a vested right in any property for which they hold a mortgage and therefore can be held responsible for the maintenance and condition of the property and for any violations regarding the same when a property becomes the responsibility of a bank or lending institution. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-51 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any legislation that would dissolve municipalities into unincorporated territory governed by the county. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-52 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any legislation to remove or amend Section 303(c) of the Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968, as amended*), and thereby require that all land use ordinances be consistent with and comply with the provisions of the municipality's and county's comprehensive plan. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-53 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation to establish a mandatory, single state pension system for municipal employees, require the mandatory participation of local government employees in the system, and/or remove from local control the administration of local pension and benefit plans. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-54 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation to amend the Urban Redevelopment Law to require a county to create a land bank program where a multi-municipal land bank already exists under the Pennsylvania Land Bank Act *(Act 153 of 2012)*. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-55 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any legislation that would require municipalities to permit full-time police officers to purchase pension credit for prior part-time or full-time police service that the officers provided to another police department. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-56 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any legislation that would designate the state as the collector of the local earned income tax. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

24-02 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 601(f)(4) of the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Act to require coverage for volunteer emergency service providers who are "providing support for organized fundraisers" for a volunteer emergency services organization and are injured while performing these duties. CUMBERLAND AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES

24-03 RESOLVED, That PSATS continue to work on emergency services cooperative ventures *(including multimunicipal regional authorities)* and oppose a single or dominant county authority without financial and legal protections for townships. OVER 10,000 POPULATION COMMITTEE

24-04 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 1802 *(Fire Hydrants and Water Supply)* of the Second Class Township Code to include "the installation and maintenance of rural water supplies provided by dry hydrants, ponds, and water tanks used for fire protection" and to assess the cost by equal assessment against all property owners who are serviced by mobile *(tanker)* distribution from these water supplies; AND FURTHER, to amend Section 3205(a)(5) of the Second Class Township Code *(Township and Special Levies)* to include "rural water supplies" as an allowable use of the fire hydrant tax, in addition to current uses for fire hydrants and fire hydrant water service. BUCKS COUNTY

24-05 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Right-to-Know Law *(Act 3 of 2008)* to protect townships from abusive or harassing records requests, including the following:

- repetitive requests;
- multiple concurrent and duplicative requests from the same requestor in the same timeframe;
- requests seeking information already in the possession of the requestor;
- untimely appeals, including those still within the timeframe for an agency's response; and
- appeals from denials based upon the non-existence of records.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

24-07 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Environmental Protection to strictly enforce all laws and regulations governing the processing of sewage sludge *(biosolids)*, AND FURTHER, that all new and existing sewage sludge *(biosolids)* processing facilities be required to have processes in place to prevent malodors from leaving the perimeter of the facilities. SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

24-13 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge state agencies to provide for an appeals board process or option to escalate the permitting process as solutions to unreasonable or inconsistent interpretations and unfair enforcement of state law. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

24-14 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any legislation which would preempt local regulation and control of solar decommissioning, including oversight of the level of bonding needed. BRADFORD COUNTY

24-16 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Transportation to eliminate grant requirements across its programs that inflate project costs, delay the start of projects, and duplicate services. FAYETTE COUNTY

24-17 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Transportation to amend Title 67 *(Transportation)* of the Pennsylvania Code to create an exemption from the commercial drivers' license requirements for municipal employees operating trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating of up to 33,000 lbs. owned or leased by the municipality. BRADFORD COUNTY

24-18 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Transportation to provide townships near where road work is occurring with the first opportunity to accept or decline reclaimed asphalt millings from state highway projects at no cost to the township. WAYNE COUNTY

24-19 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to increase the state Department of Transportation's annual maintenance payment rate for all turnback roads transferred to a municipality. BUTLER COUNTY

24-20 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to allow municipalities to use automated speed enforcement cameras to enforce the posted speed limit on certain roads within the municipality, whether the municipality is served by local police or the Pennsylvania State Police. LEHIGH COUNTY

24-24 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the commonwealth to provide townships with new revenues to replace all lost revenues caused by the reduction, restriction, or elimination of any tax or fee. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

24-25 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any legislation that would reduce, limit, or eliminate the taxing authority of municipalities. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

24-27 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend The Preserving Land for Open Air Spaces Act *[32 P.S. § 5005(c)(l)]* to authorize local government units to acquire open space property interests for the purpose of developing active, outdoor recreational facilities with low developmental and environmental impacts including but not limited to sports fields, playgrounds, and athletic courts. LEHIGH COUNTY

24-28 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 1503 of the Second-Class Township Code to:

(i) allow the board of supervisors to average an appraisal provided by a landowner with an appraisal paid for and obtained by the board of supervisors;

(ii) limit the requirement to average more than one appraisal to those obtained six months or less from a subsequent appraisal; and

(iii) allow the board of supervisors to pay 20% above the appraisal price for open space property interests acquired pursuant to The Preserving Land for Open Air Spaces Act, 32 P.S. § 5001, et seq.

LEHIGH COUNTY

24-29 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to expand access to landslide and sinkhole insurance coverage for at-risk homes and businesses by creating an efficient, state-administered insurance program to reduce property loss and emergency response costs for local governments. ALLEGHENY COUNTY

24-31 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Title 34, Section 721, of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to give townships the authority to regulate the acquisition, control, management, and disposition of government-owned and funded lands. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

24-40 RESOLVED, That PSATS support the safe and orderly deployment of both wired and wireless broadband services throughout all areas of the commonwealth to provide reliable, high-speed internet access, which is a critical component for economic development, student achievement, quality healthcare, and the efficiency of local governments and that local government be recognized as a partner in these efforts. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

24-41 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to exempt municipalities from any fees levied by a state agency when applying for a stormwater permit. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

24-42 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Environmental Protection to streamline the stormwater permitting process for local government, taking into consideration existing conditions pertaining to a project, its cost, and the potential negative impact on the public traveling the roads. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

24-43 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any legislation that would amend Act 13 of 2012 to reduce the allocation or amount of impact fees being distributed to townships affected by gas exploration activities or otherwise made available to municipalities under this act. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

24-44 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Environmental Protection to allow the use of salt brine from conventional oil and gas wells for road maintenance activities, including dust control and winter maintenance. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

24-45 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require recycling of waste tires at the point of sale for new tires, AND FURTHER, that the dealers picking up the waste tires be regulated to ensure proper disposal. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

24-46 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to expand Act 28 of 1984 *(Automobile Lemon Law)* to include defective road equipment purchased by townships. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

24-47 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require switches at the main service disconnect for all solar panel electrical system installations that will rapidly stop the solar panels from supplying electricity to the structure and that these switches be clearly marked. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

24-48 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize townships to levy a 1% hotel tax. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

24-49 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to restore municipalities' option to adopt and collect a mercantile or business privilege tax in those townships that specifically elect to adopt such a tax. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

24-50 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Sterling Act *(Act 45 of 1932)* to authorize municipalities and school districts that levy the earned income tax to collect and retain earned income taxes from municipal residents who work in Philadelphia, AND FURTHER, to require Philadelphia to provide offsetting credits for income taxes paid to an individual's home municipality. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

24-51 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 8811(b)(4) of the County Consolidated Assessment Law to authorize counties to assess billboards as taxable real estate. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

24-52 RESOLVED, That PSATS and the National Association of Towns and Townships seek legislation to require the federal government to provide funding sufficient to implement and administer any mandate that it imposes on local government. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

24-53 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state to provide funding sufficient to implement and administer any mandate that it imposes on local government. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

24-54 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the commonwealth to consider local governments as partners in the provision of services to our residents, AND FURTHER, to not threaten local governments with the withholding of state funds to force compliance with unfunded mandates. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

24-55 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would place increased emphasis on the comprehensive plan relative to the zoning ordinance, AND FURTHER, that would require a municipality to make findings of fact that its ordinances are generally consistent with its comprehensive plan before the municipality could take any action on land use issues. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

24-56 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to hold municipalities harmless for actions they are required to take regarding the designation of airport hazard areas. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

24-57 RESOLVED, that PSATS seek legislation to provide a regulatory environment for siting pipelines not currently administered by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, including a notification framework that would require pipeline companies to provide written notice to municipalities, counties, easement-holding non-government entities, and property owners where pipeline activities are planned, AND FURTHER, that such written notice be provided to these entities before submittal to a regulatory agency for review or approval. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

24-58 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any federal or state legislation, executive order, or regulation that would preempt the existing authority of local government. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

24-59 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Second Class Township Code to authorize townships to annually appropriate township funds to recognize township employees and township committee members for their service to the township *(e.g., recognition dinner or party, flowers, plaque, etc.).* RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

***24-61** RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Right-to-Know Law to protect municipalities from cybersecurity threats disguised as open records requests and prevent Artificial Intelligence (AI) from maliciously generating open records requests. PSATS EXECUTIVE BOARD

***24-62** RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Right-to-Know Law to prevent companies from using data harvesting to exploit data from municipalities and their residents to generate revenue. PSATS EXECUTIVE BOARD

***24-63** RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Right-to-Know Law to prevent data harvesting exploitation by restricting open records requests to those individuals residing, and companies based, in Pennsylvania and require out-of-state commercial requestors to pre-pay for the expenses of compiling this data, including employee wages. PSATS EXECUTIVE BOARD

25-01 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would create statewide zoning mandates, including efforts to amend the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code to require multi-family housing as a permitted land use by right on any lot that is zoned for single-family housing or to require multiple-unit dwellings and mixed-use residential developments on lots located in commercial zoning districts. BUCKS AND LEHIGH COUNTIES

25-02 RESOLVED, That PSATS support legislation to provide grant funding to municipalities to conduct housing studies and plan for the long-term housing needs of the municipality. BUCKS COUNTY

25-04 RESOLVED, That PSATS support legislation and policy that provides townships with voluntary tools to reduce blight. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

25-05 RESOLVED, That PSATS support legislation and policy that provides townships with voluntary tools to rehabilitate existing housing. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

25-09 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to create a solar impact fee for municipalities that host commercial solar facilities. TOWNSHIPS UNDER 2,000 POPULATION COMMITTEE

25-10 RESOLVED, That PSATS support legislation to amend the Taxpayer Relief Act *(Act 1 of 2006 Special Session)* to permit municipalities to voluntarily provide additional supplemental assistance to applicants under the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program. BUCKS COUNTY

25-11 RESOLVED, That PSATS support legislation to amend Section 3205(a)(1) of the Second Class Township Code to increase the cap for the dedicated general purpose millage real estate tax to 30 mills consistent with that currently authorized for townships of the first class and boroughs within the commonwealth. BUCKS COUNTY

25-12 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to comply with Act 54 of 2024 and provide in-lieu-of-tax payments for all state parks.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

25-14 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 212.402(a)(7) of Title 67 (*Vehicles*) of the Pennsylvania Code to remove the requirement for shadow vehicles during mowing operations along the side of township roads. TOWNSHIPS WITH POPULATIONS GREATER THAN 2,000
BUT LESS THAN 5,000 COMMITTEE

25-15 RESOLVED, That PSATS support an increase to liquid fuels funds for municipalities through a 20% minimum dedicated share of any new state transportation funding source and additional new funding sources dedicated exclusively to fund local roads and bridges.
TOWNSHIPS UNDER 2,000 POPULATION COMMITTEE

25-19 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to cap the fee charged by the commonwealth to local governments for obtaining equipment and other property through the Federal Surplus Property Program at 5%. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

25-20 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Environmental Protection to streamline and expedite National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting for small-flow treatment facilities and discharge systems. TOWNSHIPS UNDER 2,000 POPULATION COMMITTEE

25-21 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose efforts by the commonwealth to meter rural wells in Pennsylvania or charge owners of rural wells for water use, including farms, residences, and municipalities.
BEDFORD COUNTY

25-22 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require counties to accommodate online arraignments upon request of the municipal police department. SECRETARY-MANAGER COMMITTEE

25-24 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Law (*Act 442 of 1961*) to increase the threshold for compliance for all projects to $60,000, and, thereafter, increase the threshold annually based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
TOWNSHIPS WITH POPULATIONS GREATER THAN 5,000 BUT LESS THAN 10,000 COMMITTEE

26-01 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Title 45 *(Legal Notices)* of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to promote public notice transparency, eliminate the cost of accessing notices for residents and businesses, decrease publication, and reduce local government advertising costs by providing a menu of options for required public notices that include but are not limited to: municipal websites, designated county and state websites, print newspapers, online newspapers, and community papers of mass dissemination, such as shoppers. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-02 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 1307 of the Right-to-Know Law *(Act 3 of 2008)* to allow local agencies to charge a reasonable fee to cover all costs associated with fulfilling open records requests, including labor costs for time spent traveling, duplicating documents, and providing online responses. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-04 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any state or federal legislation that would mandate that local governments be subject to Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations.
POTTER COUNTY

26-05 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would mandate that municipalities pay for any state services, such as State Police services, stormwater facilities, and bike lanes on state roads. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-06 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose actions, policies, and regulations of the commonwealth and its departments and agencies that would require municipalities to pay for commonwealth or department responsibilities and facilities or take ownership, by permit or deed, of state facilities, including roundabouts and stormwater facilities on state roads. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-07 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any legislation that would preempt local control of zoning and land use decisions. TOWNSHIPS OVER 10,000 POPULATION COMMITTEE

26-08 RESOLVED, that PSATS support and advocate for the preservation of township zoning and conditional use authority when reviewing applications for large-scale data centers, AND FURTHER RESOLVED, that PSATS oppose any state-level preemption that would limit township authority to regulate the siting and operation of large-scale data centers. MONTGOMERY COUNTY

26-10 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose efforts by the commonwealth to meter wells in Pennsylvania or charge owners of wells for water use, including farms, residences, and municipalities. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-11 RESOLVED, that PSATS seek legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority Act *(Act 16 of 1988)* to allow the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) to make grants and low-interest loans to homeowners for the purpose of installing PFAS/PFOA filtration systems on their private wells. BUCKS COUNTY

26-12 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize the placement of a single yellow center line on qualifying low-volume or rural roads where such markings will enhance public safety as an eligible liquid fuels expense. FRANKLIN COUNTY

26-13 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Environmental Protection to streamline permitting processes for the improvement and maintenance of township-owned bridges, culverts, and/or stream-crossings. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-15 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Transportation to return township roads to the condition that existed before being impacted by official detours caused by state or federal construction projects, AND FURTHER, that the condition of township roads be documented by township officials or their agents before the start of such projects.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-16 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide a more streamlined process to identify the ownership of paper alleys. TOWNSHIPS UNDER 2,000 POPULATION COMMITTEE

26-17 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation authorizing municipal police departments in the Commonwealth to use RADAR and LIDAR devices for speed enforcement.
BUCKS AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES

26-18 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to expand funding options for emergency medical transport services and fire protection to include authorization for the board of supervisors of a township of the second class to establish and bill a reasonable service fee for these services. INDIANA COUNTY

26-20 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 3205 of the Second Class Township Code to increase the cap on the fire tax from 3 mills to 10 mills without referendum and to increase the ambulance tax from .5 mills to 5 mills without a referendum. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-21 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require insurance companies to reimburse volunteer fire companies and other emergency service providers for expenses incurred while responding to and cleaning up automobile accidents and other emergency incidents on state and local roads. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-22 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require insurance companies to reimburse fire companies for itemized expenses incurred while responding to a structure fire or other emergency incidents, AND FURTHER, that the Office of Fire Commissioner publish a list of eligible rates. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-26 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require that the state budget for the previous fiscal year be automatically re-enacted without change as a temporary interim budget if the General Assembly and the governor fail to approve a new state budget by June 30. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-29 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 708 of the Right-to-Know Law *(Act 3 of 2008)* to clearly exempt personal identification information, including age, sex, race, home address, and date of birth, from disclosure under the law. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-30 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide incentives to encourage employers to release volunteer firefighters from their jobs to respond to fire and rescue emergencies.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-31 RESOLVED, that PSATS seek legislation to amend the Municipal Police Pension Law *(Act 600 of 1956, as amended)* to allow a defined contribution pension plan for new officers in lieu of a defined benefit plan. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-32 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Collective Bargaining Act *(Act 111 of 1968)* to require the board of arbitration to consider a municipality's financial status, budget and ability to raise taxes and the potential effect on its bond rating before making any arbitration award; AND FURTHER, That any award that would create a financial hardship to the municipality be declared invalid, reduced, or modified by the court of jurisdiction on appeal. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-33 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize townships to collect a municipal services fee from the state and federal governments for all state and federal facilities located within the township boundaries to cover the costs of providing fire, ambulance, police, and emergency response services to those tax-exempt facilities. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-34 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would authorize the use of heavier and longer commercial trucks on our nation's highways and local road infrastructure.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-35 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to increase the amount of security funds required for bonding posted roads to $37,500 per linear mile for paved roads and $18,000 per linear mile for unpaved roads. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-36 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Transportation to provide timely response and take responsibility for traffic management for incidents that occur on state roads, including but not limited to tree removal, downed lines, etc. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-37 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Transportation to clearly communicate to developers the need to design stormwater management under its Highway Occupancy Permit Policy using options that do not require municipal co-permittees, AND FURTHER, that PennDOT district offices include impacted municipalities in these communications at the start of the HOP process. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-38 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Transportation to enter directly into agreements with developers and property owners for the maintenance of stormwater drainage facilities located within state-owned rights of way, AND FURTHER, to prohibit the department from attempting to require municipalities to enter into such agreements on behalf of developers or property owners as a condition of a state highway occupancy permit. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-39 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to prohibit the state Department of Transportation from requiring a municipality to take ownership of a state road that is being abandoned by the state. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-40 RESOLVED, that PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Environmental Protection to either budget sufficient funds to reimburse municipalities for 50 percent of the costs to prepare or update Sewage Facilities Plans *(Act 537 Plans)* as mandated by the state Department of Environmental Protection or to eliminate DEP's ability to mandate that municipalities update these plans. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-41 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to prohibit the state Department of Environmental Protection from requiring municipalities to implement and enforce a sewage management program in any area of the municipality that does not have documented on-lot sewage system malfunctions, and to limit the requirement for a municipality to implement and enforce a sewage management program to only those lots on which an alternate on-lot sewage system has been installed. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-42 RESOLVED, that PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 5 *(Official Plans)* of the Sewage Facilities Act *(Act 537 of 1965, as amended)* to allow the use of holding tanks for new land development on properties with less than one acre that were created before May 15, 1972, when no other affordable means of sewage disposal is planned to be available within five years. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-43 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to prohibit the state Department of Environmental Protection from refusing to approve sewage planning modules while new regulations or policies are being developed. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-44 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Sewage Facilities Act *(Act 537 of 1965)* to prohibit the state Department of Environmental Protection from approving permits for public sewer extensions into areas of a municipality not planned for public sewer, provided that the municipality's Act 537 plan has been updated within the last 10 years or the municipality is in the process of updating its Act 537 plan. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-45 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose efforts by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that would require the state Department of Environmental Protection to include as part of a township's municipal stormwater management system any private land over which stormwater flows.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-46 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose efforts by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to require that all municipalities, regardless of how small, be mandated to obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for their municipal stormwater management systems.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-47 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Chapter 102 of Title 25 *(Environmental Protection)* of the Pennsylvania Code to account for low-impact land use changes *(such as changing agriculture fields to athletic fields)* to reduce the engineering and permit requirements needed for such changes. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-48 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Chapter 102 of Title 25 *(Environmental Protection)* of the Pennsylvania Code to increase from one acre to five acres the amount of acreage that can be disturbed before a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit is needed. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-49 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Chapter 102 of Title 25 *(Environmental Protection)* of the Pennsylvania Code to simplify the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit application for single lots. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-50 RESOLVED, That PSATS continue to support the voluntary merger or consolidation of local governments if the process is initiated at the local level and has the approval of the majority of the residents of all affected municipalities by referendum. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-51 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would mandate consolidation of local governments. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-52 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would create a statewide boundary change commission to determine local government boundary line changes without voter approval. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-53 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would establish the county as the basic level of local government in Pennsylvania, with municipalities existing only under the jurisdiction of the county and having only those duties and responsibilities as determined by the county.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-54 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of General Services to allow municipalities to bid on and purchase motor vehicles sold by the state before they are offered for public auction. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-55 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 9023(c) of Title 75 *(Vehicle Code)* of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to increase the prevailing wage threshold for dirt, gravel, and low-volume road projects from $25,000 to $100,000 by expanding the term "locally funded" to include dirt, gravel, and low-volume road grant funding provided under Section 9106 of Title 75 *(Vehicle Code)*. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-56 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Law *(Act 442 of 1961)* to require that wage determinations be based on the rate for comparable positions within the county in which the work will be completed or within the surrounding counties. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-57 RESOLVED, That PSATS and the National Association of Towns and Townships seek legislation to repeal the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-58 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require applicants to the commonwealth or any of its agencies for a permit or license to conduct an activity affecting any real property in a municipality to give a minimum of 30 days' notice to the host municipality of the proposed activity to allow the municipality to advise the issuing agency of the activity's compliance with zoning and other applicable land use ordinances. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-59 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any federal or state legislation that would directly or indirectly authorize any entity to use local government property, including rights of way, without compensation at fair market value, AND FURTHER, that PSATS oppose any federal or state legislation that would preempt local government control and management over local rights of way. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

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