

OCTOBER 19-22, 2020

# PSAB Fall Conference Experience

Online Learning Series Through Zoom



MONDAY - OCT. 19, 2020

## PSAB Legislative Update

5:30 PM

*Ed Troxell, PSAB Director of Government Affairs and Ron Grutza, PSAB Assistant Director of Government Affairs & Regulatory Affairs Coordinator*, will provide an update of state and federal legislation affecting borough communities. They will also share details of the state budget outlook. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions.

## COVID-19 & Adjusting to a New Normal

6:45 PM

*Sam Wiser, Esq., from Salzmann Hughes*, will review municipal operational considerations for boroughs moving forward in light of guidance from federal and state authorities with the continued public health threat of COVID-19.

TUESDAY - OCT. 20, 2020

## Police Department Management & Community Engagement Amid Increased Public Scrutiny

5:30 PM

Recent police incidents have led to increased public scrutiny of both officers and municipal officials. *Chris Gerber, Esq., from Siana Law, and Ashley Heiberger, J.D., a retired police captain*, will address how police departments and local governing bodies can professionally address complaints of police misconduct, and why an internal affairs policy is critical for public engagement and transparency.

## Managing Municipal Finances With Impacts of COVID-19

6:45 PM

This session is designed to keep municipal officials informed with the latest information which is changing constantly during these unprecedented times due to the pandemic. Join *Sam Wiser, Esq., from Salzmann Hughes and Laura Beth Kurtz, PhD. and Esq., from Eckert Seamans* as they provide an update on the current financial situation and sift through possible solutions for municipalities.



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WEDNESDAY - OCT. 21, 2020

## Too Close to Home: Human Trafficking - TENTATIVE 5:30 PM

Pennsylvania is ranked 11th in the country for having one of the worst human trafficking problems. *U.S. Attorney David J. Freed, the former Cumberland County District Attorney*, will discuss the signs of human trafficking that often go undetected and will discuss the role of the Pennsylvania Alliance Against Trafficking in Humans, Route 15 (PAATH-15), which connects rape crisis centers, human trafficking response teams, and other resources to help victims in local communities.

## Emergency Management: More Than Just a Drill

6:45 PM

Emergencies can occur at any time and with little notice. *Randy Padfield, Director of the PA Emergency Management Agency (PEMA)*, will discuss lessons learned from emergency preparedness and response during the coronavirus pandemic. He will also provide some tips for local government officials to help them better plan for the future.

THURSDAY - OCT. 22, 2020

## Tools for Preventing, Remediating, and Redeveloping Blight

5:30 PM

This session, led by *Chris Gulotta, Principal of the Gulotta Group*, will focus on some practical approaches for preventing, remediating, and redeveloping blighted properties into productive uses. These approaches have included but are not limited to focused code enforcement strategies, prohibiting bad actors from purchasing properties at tax sales, charging chronic code violators with misdemeanors, permit denial and conservatorship. The role of land banks, redevelopment authorities, non-profit community development corporations and private developers will be discussed. A case study approach featuring projects across PA will be used.

## Municipal Leaders Roundtable Discussion: Lessons Learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic

6:45 PM

In the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, local government officials played a crucial role in working to reduce the spread of the virus through planning, response, and communication. *Grove City Mayor Randy Riddle, Chambersburg Borough Manager Jeff Stonehill, and Ebensburg Borough Council President Doug Tusing* will lead a discussion on lessons learned during the pandemic and how to better prepare for future emergencies.



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JEFF STONEHILL



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## Registration Information

These sessions are free for PSAB members.

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