



2014 – 2016

Resolutions

PSAB Membership

Authorized

2016 RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2016-1

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB seek legislation to eliminate the ability of Act 47 designated municipalities to impose additional taxes on non-residents without their prior consent.

Resolution 2016-2

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB support municipal police radar use in SB 535, HB 71 & HB1300 and similar speed timing technologies.

Resolution 2016-3

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB seek legislation to revise compensation schedules/rates for elected borough officials.

Resolution 2016-4

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB seek legislation to enable boroughs to participate in the Commonwealth's health insurance plans.

Resolution 2016-5

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB seek legislation amending Pa State Highway Law to establish consistent and equal maintenance practices on state roads that traverse borough communities.

Resolution 2016-6

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB opposes any enactment of a severance tax on natural gas which eliminates the Local Impact Fee.

Resolution 2016-7

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB support legislation which amends the Covered Device Recycling Act making it a more stable and comprehensive, manufacturer implemented recycling infrastructure providing effective collection standards for all municipalities.

Resolution 2016-8

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB support the decrease of the number of State House and Senate Representatives.

Resolution 2016-9

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB support legislation changing the assessment of lands divided by boundary lines to correct inequities to boroughs in Title 53 Pa.C.S. Section 8818.

Resolution 2016-10

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB seek legislation that addresses the costs for municipal police court appearance and fine-associated labor expense.

Resolution 2016-11

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB support HB 1394 and similar legislation which enables boroughs to enact and enforce ordinances that regulate the planning, management, implementation, construction and maintenance of storm water facilities and to assess reasonable and uniform fees for such.

Resolution 2016-12

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB seek legislation which amends Prevailing Wage Law to exempt from minimum wage scales the process of roadway milling maintenance on local roads.

Resolution 2016-13

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB seek legislation that would increase the allocations of the Foreign Fire Insurance Tax returned to volunteer firefighters' relief associations.

Resolution 2016-16

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB investigate and consider seeking legislation which mediates the impacts of the Philadelphia Super Credit (PHL wage tax) on surrounding municipalities.

Resolution 2016-17

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB support HB 1417 and similar legislation which maintains an adequate Pa Universal Service Fund.

Resolution 2013-1 (RA-16) “RA” designates re-authorization and the year of re-authorization.

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB seek legislative remedy to the current practice using Prevailing Wage pay scales for roadway maintenance on borough paving projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that PSAB support reforms to Prevailing Wage which enhance the value of the public dollar.

Resolution 2013-2 (RA-16)

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB seek legislative remedy to address the maintenance inequity which results from PennDOT “curb to curb” policy as it relates to state roads within borough limits.

Resolution 2013-7 (RA-16)

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB seek legislation providing for an annual revenue sharing program for municipalities relating to tax-exempt real property and establish a tax-exempt property municipal fund.

Resolution 2013-8 (RA-16)

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB seek legislation to amend Act 47 to eliminate the ability of distressed communities to impose a tax on non-resident employees without their consent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that PSAB oppose legislation that would force the consolidation of contiguous municipalities in order to expand a previously declared distressed community’s tax base.

Resolution 2013-9 (RA-16)

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB has determined that any reallocation of state aid from municipalities would be economically disastrous; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that PSAB encourages PERC and the General Assembly to immediately abandon any such plans to reallocate any municipal state aid.

Resolution 2013-10 (RA-16)

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB pursue legislation requiring municipalities of a population of 5000 or greater to pay for state police coverage or form their own police department

Resolution 2013-11 (RA-16)

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB investigate and preserve, to the greatest extent, the powers of boroughs and municipalities to manage and plan for land use regarding elements associated with natural gas pipelines.

Resolution 2013-12 (RA-16)

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB pursue legislation authorizing the municipal use of radar and similar speed timing technologies for all boroughs.

Resolution 2013-13 (RA-16)

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB pursue legislation to amend Act 46 of 2011 The Workers Compensation Act defining occupational disease to mitigate the fiscal impact of the law and other health issues not covered.

Resolution 2013-14 (RA-16)

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB pursue changes to the procedure of traffic citation fine distribution to be adjusted to reasonable amounts to help offset expenses incurring from issuing the citation to also cover the cost of officers attending court hearings.

Resolution 2013-15 (RA-16)

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB seeks legislation that brings about meaningful and common sense reforms to Act 111 that will result in an affordable and stable public safety workforce.

Resolution 2013-16 (RA-16)

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB pursue legislation to amend Title 45 (Legal Notices) to provide publication in electronic media, minor local newspaper providers such as shopper guides, etc., as legal advertising for municipalities.

Resolution 2013-18 (RA-16)

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB pursue legislation to review and amend the Right to Know Act of 2008 in order to seek relief for boroughs burdened by unreasonable and/or repeated Right to Know requests.

Resolution 2013-20 (RA-16)

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB pursue legislation creating a low interest, limited capital funding program similar to PennVEST which would be used exclusively for storm water remediation and management projects.

Resolution 2013-21 (RA-16)

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB pursue House Bill 1017 or similar legislation to provide a responding borough total reimbursement for the actual costs associated with municipal police services provided to the citizens of a neighboring municipality where no mutual aid agreement or contract for services exists or when responding to a request for back-up by Pennsylvania State Police.

Resolution 2013-22 (RA-16)

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB seek legislative proposals such as Senate Bill 65 and similar measures which enable a broader use of voter referenda.

Resolution 2013-23 (RA-16)

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB seek amendment to Small Games of Chance law to allow for an indefinite amount of participation and levels of payout.

Resolution 2013-24 (RA-16)

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB seek legislative amendment to Prevailing Wage Law to raise thresholds to \$185,000 with an annual index; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that maintenance work be redefined to include road repairs, and/or allow local governments to opt out of or be exempt from prevailing wage law requirements.

2015 Resolutions

Resolution 2015-4

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB seek legislation providing for an annual revenue sharing program for municipalities relating to tax exempt real property and establishing the Tax Exempt Property Municipal Assistance Fund through DCED and funded by revenue generated by the 18% Johnstown Flood Tax.

Resolution 2015-5

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB support legislation to conduct a review of Act 55 of 1997, the Institutions of Purely Public Charity Act.

Resolution 2015-6

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB oppose any legislative proposal that would lessen the standard for tax-exempt properties.

Resolution 2015-7

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB seek support for a Property Tax Independence Act which would replace school property tax with a combination of Personal Income/Sales & Use taxes

Resolution 2015-8

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB seek Prevailing Wage amendments to increase the current threshold to \$200K with an indexing mechanism, and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that local governments and school districts would be given the ability to opt out of the prevailing wage scales should they so choose.

Resolution 2015-9

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB support legislation supporting pension reform for the State's two pension systems, The State Employees and Public School Employees, which have a combined debt of \$50 billion. It is recommended that PSAB support a 401k type defined contribution plan, as opposed to the State's defined benefit plan which guarantees a set sum for retirees.

Resolution 2015-10

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB urge the General Assembly to address serious reforms to Act 111 leveling the playing field in negotiations.

Resolution 2015-12

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB support legislation requiring municipalities with a population of 4,000 or greater to pay for State Police coverage, form their own police departments or contract for police services.

Resolution 2015-13

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB pursue legislation providing for a funding program to aid communities to identify and document orphan gas and oil wells in their respective areas in the state of Pennsylvania.

Resolution 2015-14

BE IT RESOLVED that PSAB oppose any legislation that would reduce the amount or allocation of Act 13 Impact Fees paid to boroughs affected by gas exploration activities.

Resolution 2015-16

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB support the ability for municipal police to use the same motor vehicle speed-timing equipment as the Pa State Police.

Resolution 2015-17

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB support legislation which would enable municipal police to use the same motor vehicle speed-timing equipment as the Pa State Police.

Resolution 2015-18

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB support the Association of Mayors of the Boroughs of Pennsylvania (AMBPa) in its effort to establish the use of Municipal Police Radar and other electronic technologies for the purpose of safe vehicular traffic in all our commonwealth's municipalities.

Resolution 2015-19

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB strongly oppose the EPA and the US Army Corps of Engineers expansion of the Clean Water Act, as proposed in the Waters of the U.S. regulation.

Resolution 2015-20

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB urge the US Senate and House of Representatives to support funding of the CDBG program with a funding level of \$3.3 billion, as well as full funding for other critically important housing and community and economic development programs empowering cities and counties in the country to continue addressing unique affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization needs.

Resolution 2015-21

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB support creating access to telecommunication and broadband facilities serving the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network known as "PA-FirstNet"

Resolution 2015-22

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB support legislation which repeals the prohibition of the cultivation, marketing and promotion of industrial hemp and its applications within the borders of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America.

Resolution 2015-23

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB support legislation allowing “Core Communities” to host a new class of liquor license to increase economic development and to allow a public safety impact fee to be collected.

2014 Resolutions

Resolution 2014-1

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB supports and affirms the police powers of municipalities throughout the Commonwealth to assess reasonable and sufficient fees to recover true and actual costs resulting from managing, maintaining and preserving municipal right-of-ways; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that PSAB support municipal police powers to establish necessary fee schedules, amended from time to time, to cover the true and actual costs resulting from maintaining these rights-of-ways.

Resolution 2014-2

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB support the Pa State Mayors Association in its efforts to establish the use of municipal police radar and other electronic technologies for the purposes of safe vehicular traffic in all of our Commonwealth’s municipalities.

Resolution 2014-4

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB seek appropriate remedies to address the impacts of county reassessments on various tax rates and/or millage established by the borough as a result of referendum.

Resolution 2014-5

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB supports amendment to **Section 1141** of The Borough Code adding the ability of borough council to enact the office of borough manager as one person, a partnership, an association or professional corporation; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that PSAB encourage boroughs to explore opportunities enabled by regional cooperation and shared municipal management services.

Resolution 2014-6

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB seek legislation to amend The Borough Code **Section 1302** increasing the cap of 30 mills levied for general borough purposes to 35 mills prior to petitioning the court for an additional 5 mills.

Resolution 2014-7

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB closely engage the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation as it implements various programs resulting from **Act 89 of 2013**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the association exercise discriminating diligence and involved oversight in the expansion of the Dirt, Gravel and low volume local roads program, appropriate distributions from the newly created multi-modal fund, a fair implementation of the Traffic Signal, bridge bundling and the fee for local use programs.

Resolution 2014-8

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB support **House Bill 1607**, an amendment to the PA Underground Utility Protection Law (One Call), which seeks to transfer the enforcement of the law from the PA Department of Labor & Industry to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and eliminates all exemptions under the law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any interest groups retain their exemptions under the law, PSAB will oppose the bill.

Resolution 2014-9

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB support **Senate Bill 444** and similar legislation which comprehensively amends the Right-to-Know law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that PSAB seek amendments to the Right-to-Know law that capture municipal costs & administrative expense resulting from requests from commercial interests.

Resolution 2014-10

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB support **House Resolution 100** and similar legislation which provides for a comprehensive cost review of the financial impact of the 2008 Right-to-Know Law changes which resulted in several unintended consequences.

Resolution 2014-11

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB support **Senate Bill 733** and similar legislation which amends Title 45 (Legal Notices) affording municipalities the option to electronically publish Legal Notices on their own websites.

Resolution 2014-12

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB support **Senate Bill 1111** and similar legislation which splits the costs of arbitration evenly between parties in negotiations, promotes public arbitration proceedings and levels the playing field between labor and the municipality's ability to pay.

Resolution 2014-13

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB pursue legislation which seeks to modernize the procurement process through P3 (Public-Private Partnership) contractual agreements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that PSAB support **House Bill 1838** and similar legislation which authorizes the development and implementation of municipal friendly P3 agreements.

Resolution 2014-14

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB support **Senate Bill 985** and similar legislation which allows for an optional elimination of the position of local elected tax collector by municipal resolution.

Resolution 2014-15

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB pursue legislation to provide reimbursement to boroughs for any and all costs incurred through the hiring, outfitting and training of its law enforcement officers should any such officer leave the employment of the hiring/training borough and come under the employ of another municipal law enforcement agency within a designated time period.

Resolution 2014-16

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB support **House Bill 544** and similar legislation which amends the Recreational Use of Land liability law to expand its protections for landowners who allow their land to be used for recreational purposes like hunting, fishing and boating.

Resolution 2014-17

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB oppose **House Bill 1651** and any similar legislation which creates a single statewide pension system for police.

Resolution 2014-18

BE IT RESOLVED that PSAB support **Senate Bill 1114** and any similar legislation which amends Title 18 Municipal Housing Code avoidance law by strengthening criminal penalties for dilapidated properties and their owners.

Resolution 2014-19

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB urge Congress & the President to amend the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 to delay the phase-in of full risk insurance rates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that PSAB urges Congress to enact S. 1926 and HR3370 of 2014 which would accomplish the necessary steps to mitigate the unintended consequences of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012.

Resolution 2014-20

BE IT RESOLVED, that PSAB urge Congress & the federal Department of Transportation to adopt tougher safety standards for existing DOT111 and new rail tank cars which travel through Pennsylvania boroughs on a daily basis transporting dangerous goods.