

## 2016 PSATS Conference Report

Supervisors, Township Manager and Land Use Administrator attended the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Conference and Trade Show of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors from April 17<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> at the Hershey Lodge.

Approximately 4,000 township officials, exhibitors and guests participated.

The conference provides township officials with information through approximately 100 training workshops to help them better serve their constituents. It also gives them an opportunity to exchange ideas on important local government issues.

Guest speakers included Governor Tom Wolf, U.S. Congressman Lou Barletta, PA State Majority Leader Jake Corman, PA Senator Eugene Yaw, Auditor General Eugene DePasquale, Office of Open Records Executive Director Erik Arneron, and Keynote speaker Kim Coon.

Franklin & Marshall College Director of the Center for Politics and Public Affairs, Dr. Terry Madonna, provided recent Pennsylvania Democratic and Republican Presidential poll results and in site.

Dana Aunkst, Deputy Secretary for Fields Operations for the Department of Environmental Protection, Scott Christie, Deputy Secretary of Highway Administration for the Department of Transportation and Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding participated in a panel discussion about storm water management.

During the conference business sessions, delegates adopted resolutions establishing the official policy of the State Association. These resolutions will serve as guidelines for the Association in pursuing legislation and regulation favorable to townships. They also elected a new slate of officers to lead the Association.

The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors has been serving the state's 1,454 townships of the second class since its creation by the General Assembly in 1921. Townships of the second class represent more residents (5.5 million Pennsylvanians) than any other type of political subdivision in the Commonwealth.