

**Bucks County Association of Township Officials
Resolutions Committee Report, February 28, 2026**

The Resolution Committee met to review resolutions from five member Townships.

All proposed resolutions were viewed as worthy of consideration and support. The Committee revised the resolutions to generally conform to the PSATS format. One resolution was broken down by the Committee into 3 individual resolutions to provide better opportunity for acceptance by the PSATS Resolution Committee and the PSATS delegates.

Resolutions marked as SUPPORT will be considered at the BCATO meeting as a group without the need for further discussion.

Prior to the vote, any member may request that one or more resolutions **NOT** be considered in the group and debated and considered on its own merit.

Resolutions marked “NO ACTION” duplicate standing PSATS resolutions. The wording of each standing resolution is included under “Resolution Committee Comment” for transparency. If these resolutions are sent to PSATS, the PSATS Resolutions Committee will take “no action” because there is a standing resolution. This means the resolution will not be printed in the Conference program. The BCATO Resolutions Committee recommends that the membership take no vote on these resolutions.

The Sponsoring Township/Member townships may request a formal vote on these resolutions. A motion and second would be needed. If passed, it would go to the PSATS Resolution Committee. It is unlikely that the resolution would move forward to the Conference for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted. David Nyman and Chester Pogonowski

RESOLUTIONS

2026-01: RESOLVED, that PSATS support 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.

WRIGHTSTOWN

SUPPORT

Justification: At the present time, Pennvest provides grant money to municipalities and authorities for the purpose of making improvements to public water systems to address PFAS/PFOA issues. Similar funding is also available for improvements/repairs to public sewer systems. Pennvest also has a program to make low interest loans to private home owners for the purposes of repairing failing on site waste water treatment systems. Current legislation does not permit Pennvest to extend loans to homeowners to address PFAS/PFOA issues.

2026-02: RESOLVED, that PSATS supports legislation authorizing municipal police departments in the Commonwealth to use RADAR and LIDAR devices for speed enforcement.
UPPER SOUTHAMPTON **SUPPORT**

Justification: Pennsylvania is the only State to limit the use of RADAR exclusively to the State Police. Local police departments are forced to use less accurate methods to monitor speed which increases the threat to public safety contributing to traffic accidents, injuries and fatalities. In 2024, the US Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration released its 2020 annual traffic crash data which indicated that 11,000 people were killed nationally in speed-related crashes with 87% of the fatalities occurring on “local” roads. In Pennsylvania, 1129 people died in vehicle crashes of which 459 were speed-related. This accounts for 41% of all traffic fatalities in Pennsylvania.

Resolutions Committee Comment: The Committee rewrote the resolution to remove references to a specific bill number which can change during and between legislative sessions. At the current time, there is a standing resolution **21-59 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize the use of radar by township police departments**. Standing resolutions have a 5-year life span with this resolution coming off the books 2026. It is expected that the PSATS Resolution Committee will automatically recommend another 5-year extension. The Upper Southampton version adds LIDAR which has not been previously considered at PSATS.