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Tinicum Township Commissioner Dennis Arthur is The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners New President *Officers Also Elected to the PSATC Executive Committee*

Harrisburg, PA (October 16, 2024) — Tinicum Township Commissioner Dennis Arthur was elected President of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners (PSATC) on Friday, October 11, during the association's Annual Business Meeting held in conjunction with the Municipal Leadership Summit in Scranton.

Having first been elected in November 2005 to begin his initial term in January 2006, Dennis Arthur is in his 5th term on Tinicum Township's Board of Commissioners

"For 100 years, PSATC has been at the forefront of community service, tirelessly working to improve the lives of Pennsylvania's citizens. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the vision and dedication of our past leaders who have guided our organization through the decades," said Mr. Arthur. "With the Association's continued support and commitment, I am confident that we can lay the foundation for another century of service to our communities."

Now in his third decade as a Township Commissioner, Mr. Arthur brings years of experience in leading a collaborative effort in local government. Some of the large projects Dennis has been a part of include the merger of the Essington and Lester Fire Companies, the acquisition of the historic Lazaretto property for the purpose of raising a new Tinicum Township Fire Station and the preservation and restoration of the Historic Lazaretto Building, redevelopment of the Township's waterfront, as well as the preservation of dozens of residential homes from further encroachment from an international airport.

Addressing his fellow Commissioners and association colleagues, Mr. Arthur stated, "Your ideas, your energy and your dedication are the fuel that will propel the PSATC into its next century of excellence."

In addition to Commissioner Arthur being elected as President, Crescent Township Commissioner Todd Miller was elected First Vice President, Lower Allen Township President Commissioner Dean Villone was elected Second Vice President, Upper Moreland President Commissioner Kip McFtridge was elected Third Vice President, and Ridley Township Commissioner Rick Saraceni was elected Secretary/Treasurer. The PSATC officers will each serve a one-year term in their respective positions on the Executive Committee.

"The League congratulates all of the PSATC officers and wishes them the best for 2025. The League has worked closely with the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners for four decades and we look forward to continuing this strong relationship going forward," said League Executive Director John Brenner. "Issues in first class townships are similar to those in cities and boroughs throughout the commonwealth. Our legislative priorities are aligned, and our advocacy efforts are important as we speak with one voice in Harrisburg. We look forward to serving the needs of first-class townships with President Arthur, officers and executive committee of the association."

Municipal elected and appointed officials from across the state attended the Municipal Leadership Summit on October 10-13, a conference of the Pennsylvania Municipal League, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners and the Pennsylvania Career Fire Chiefs Association, to connect and network with colleagues, attend informative and educational sessions, discuss issues facing the commonwealth's municipalities, share resources and best practices,

establish legislative policy, and elect association officers for the coming year. Join the conversation on [X](#), [facebook.com/PaMunicipalLeague](https://www.facebook.com/PaMunicipalLeague) and [LinkedIn](#). #MunicipalLeadershipSummit24. #StrengthThroughEngagement

The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners represents Pennsylvania's first-class townships and their elected governing officials before the Pennsylvania General Assembly and the commonwealth's various agencies. PSATC was founded in 1925 to distinguish itself from the second-class townships which are much larger in number. First class townships are generally regarded as the "urban ring" around Pennsylvania's cities. Many of our first-class townships face issues similar to those of our commonwealth's cities and urban boroughs, thereby making the association's affiliation with the Pennsylvania Municipal League a natural fit. The League has been providing advocacy services to the PSATC since 1983. For more information, please visit the [PSATC website](#).

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