

On April 17-20, 2011 Supervisor Charles Mead and Township Secretary, Connie Ely attended the PSATS 89th Annual Educational Conference and Trade Show in Hershey, PA. Key speakers at the Conference were Governor Tom Corbett who made two pledges to the audience: “to be a diligent watchdog over natural gas drillers in the Marcellus Shale region and to put an end to Harrisburg’s reckless spending”. Lt. Governor Jim Cawley addressed the township officials and outlined the governor’s plan “to streamline state programs, bring fiscal discipline back to Harrisburg, and stop spending money the state doesn’t have”. Major General Wesley Craig encouraged township officials to support employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve and are deployed overseas. He encouraged supervisors to sign formal statements of support that guarantee their employees’ civilian jobs will be waiting for them when they return home. The most moving presentation was the Military Salute which included music, videos and a video feed from Iraq via Skype. Members of the 109th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, commanded by Lt. Col. Desiree Morasco explained the importance of their employers support for them during deployment. A cabinet secretaries forum with speakers Michael Krancer, Secretary of Environmental Protection, Barry Schoch, Secretary of Transportation, and C. Alan Walker, Secretary of Community and Economic Development shared their departments plans for the future along with issues ranging from transportation funding to Marcellus Shale drilling to municipal consolidation.

Supervisor Charles Mead and Township Volunteer Mary Mead attended the following seminars while in attendance at the Convention:

- Marcellus Water Issues
- Hazard Mitigation – Strength Through Resiliency
- DEP – MS4 Stormwater Permit
- Protecting Ground water with borehole and well drilling ordinance. Legislative Roundup for Township Officials
- Marcellus Shale Transportation Issues
- Update on Municipal Stormwater Requirements
- Road impacts of oil and gas traffic. What is the Township role?
- Marcellus Shale Drilling in flood plains – Municipal officials and permitting process

Secretary Connie Ely attended the following seminars:

- Comprehensive Municipal Financial Management
- Legislative Roundup for Township Officials
- Twitter, facebook and youtube: Get to know social media and what it can do for your Township
- Say no to document scanning ...I dare you
- Making the most of your township’s census 2010 results
- Noxious weeds and vegetation management: Updating state law and developing ordinances that work