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they sound a lot alike. Both emphasize a common-sense approach to the job. But their views and priorities are not identical.

Brodhead says he was motivated to run in part by a failed attempt to cut funding for the recreation program out of the 2004 budget. "That was one thing that made me mad," he said. "Whatever it takes, we have to keep that going."

But Brodhead isn't ready to simply throw money at problems, either. "Let's watch our money, let's spend it wisely," he says.

A resident of the township for 15 years, Brodhead, 47, thinks that attitude may have been missing when a previous board authorized paving Green Road, which has added about \$50,000 a year to expenses. The property tax has covered that and more, but he thinks it shouldn't be considered a permanent fixture. "It's a year-to-year thing," he said.

The council of governments gets Brodhead's approval, "as long as it benefits Kingston Township." He sees many issues that cross municipal boundaries, and feels the COG can help everyone as long as they work together and avoid hidden agendas.

A remodeling contractor by trade, Brodhead applied for and won an appointment to the zoning hearing board last year. "That was my first step into public service," he said, and now he feels ready to take the next step.

Carl Goodwin

Incumbent Carl Goodwin says he would like to finish projects begun in recent years, including the "competent paving of Green Road" and ensure the township's participation in the Back Mountain Council of Governments.

The 68-year-old retired teacher returned to the area in 1998 to tend to his ailing mother. Altogether, "I've lived in Kingston Township for 28 years," he says.

While critics have said the decision to pave Green Road helped create a fiscal crisis, Goodwin lays the blame on the cost of the new township building, completed in 1998.

"Before we spend a penny for township services, we have to put out \$300,000 a year," to cover debt service, interest, utilities and insurance on the building.

Goodwin would like the township to negotiate a sale of the old building to the Trucksville Fire Department.

Goodwin was on the majority side of a 3-2 vote to institute a 10-mill local property tax in the 2004 budget, but would like to see the rate scaled back as soon as it is prudent to do so.

Instrumental in forming the

Voting locations change

Two of the three polling places in Kingston Township have been moved since the last election.

Voters in the Southwest District will now pull levers at the Education Center of the Trucksville United Methodist Church on Church Road. The location was changed due to concerns about parking and safety at the Trucksville fire hall.

The Northeast District polling place will be at St. Francis Cabrini Church, near the Mt. Olivet and Church road intersection. The former site — the Mountain Grange Hall on Carverton Road — is being sold.

council of governments, Goodwin is concerned the township may drop out, exactly the opposite of his position. "I believe we should maintain our membership and take a leadership role."

Goodwin supports the emerging Back Mountain Recreation Center in Lehman Township, but feels that adding parks to the township would be a "duplication of effort." He would support development of greenways and trails to connect the three distinct areas within Kingston Township — Shavertown, Trucksville and Carverton.

Alan Lord

Alan Lord, 51, is a relative newcomer to the township. That doesn't prevent him from offering some bold positions, such as paying firefighters.

A volunteer with the Trucksville Fire Department, Lord would like to see two paid line officers on duty at all times, and some sort of payment to volunteers who turn out for calls. He also thinks a regional police force would be a good idea, and would like to pay both the police and road crew more. How to pay for those additions, though, is a question.

"The taxes are kind of high now," he acknowledges. He favors keeping the local property tax that was instituted last year, and finding ways to put the money to good use.

Lord moved from Jackson Township three years ago, and lives on Harris Hill Road. He said April 22 that he is unemployed and on welfare, but had last worked for Sunshine Market. He suffers from some health issues, he said, and hopes to gain disability status.

Open burning became an issue in the township last year, and Lord is comfortable with how it is now handled; anyone wanting to burn must obtain a permit, which allows burning under certain restrictions. Still, "A lot of them don't get permits," he said, and that results in unnecessary fire department calls.

Lord said the Center Street Park is adequate for now, but if the population grows, more recreation facilities may be needed.

Paul Sabol

At an age most people are

taking it easy, Paul Sabol is running for a fourth term as supervisor. Sabol, 76, was first elected in 1993, the same year he retired after a 30-year career with the police department.

"I like to keep doing things," he said recently.

One thing on his agenda is planning for the day the water runs dry. "We have a bad drinking water problem," he says, as in not enough reliable supplies. "We have too much in the creeks and not enough in the pipes."

The council of governments could be helpful on that issue, he feels, and he would like to see that organization continue, although he fears the present board majority may not agree.

Sabol also is concerned about the status of the bank on the eastern side of Toby Creek near the Harris Hill Road bridge. He thinks water backing up behind boulders in the stream bed is undercutting the bank, which is gradually sliding in. "It's getting pretty close to our road."

The budget is also on his mind. "I'd like to get the township's finances straightened out," he said, and once that's done, he would eliminate the property tax.

Sabol thinks Center Street Park is fully utilized, and would support creating another recreation area, on the other side of Route 309. That way kids could get to and from the park safely on their own instead of having to be driven by their parents.

The old municipal building should be sold, Sabol says, before it becomes too costly to maintain.

Rosaria Shaver

Rosaria Shaver admits to being a latecomer to politics. She started going to supervisors meetings when it appeared all open burning would be banned. Shortly thereafter, she gathered nearly 400 signatures on a petition asking that burning be allowed to continue.

She got results. While burning in the township is now highly restricted, it is still available for property owners — particularly older residents — who want or need to take care of tree branches and leaves without the hassle of carting them to the recycling site.

"I think they're trying to over-regulate too many things," she

says, citing a proposed ordinance on cars idling in drive-ways. That one didn't pass.

A resident of the township for 32 years, Shaver, 46, says she is unsure whether the council of governments is worth continuing, but she is open to learning more about it. "I really didn't think I was for it," she said, but neighbors have expressed support.

About the 10-mill property tax adopted in 2004, she says, "For right now, they have to keep it" in order to balance the budget. If she was on the board, though, she says she would not have voted to pave Green Road, the source of a good portion of the fiscal problems.

"If I win, I'll give it my all," Shaver said, but if not, her husband and three children are more than enough to keep her occupied. And she'll continue coming to meetings.

Robert Wright Sr.

As he nears retirement, Robert Wright Sr. is looking for a way to give back to the community he's called home for 33 years.

"It's a good place and they're good people," he says of his township neighbors. Running the township with fiscal responsibility is high on his list of ways to be of service. "Before we spend, let's make sure it's on something we absolutely need."

Wright, 62, has similar feelings about the property tax, suggesting it be kept in place as long as it's needed to pay for important services. But if the township savings account reaches an acceptable level, "I say, there's no longer a need for it."

A construction worker who often is employed at sites out of the area, Wright sees the supervisors' role as a watchdog over public safety, development and services. While he thinks the township is basically on track, "I'll just keep watching" what goes on, he says.

The council of governments is worth continuing, unless it fails to produce results. "Let's take it out for a spin, see what we can do," he says. "If we can add benefit to the township, that's a good thing."

The recent study of flooding along Toby Creek illustrated how events in one community affect others, he said. "I think if we can work together, we can find solutions to problems."

When his children were growing up, they played at Center Street Park, and he thinks the park and its programs are valuable. "The young people are the life's blood of the community."

Wright said he's considering retirement at the end of the year, allowing him to devote his time to the responsibilities of a supervisor.

PROPERTY TRANSFER

The following property transfers were recorded recently at the Luzerne County Courthouse:

Estate of Lillian C. Dwyer to Theo Billinge and others, 129 Orchard East, Dallas, \$96,000.

John W. Manley to Donna Baut, Dallas Township, \$55,000.

Carl M. Gross trustee to Elizabeth McEwan, Dallas Township, \$154,900.

Mark Ide and spouse to Sylvan Esch and spouse, 3000 Lower Demunds Road, Dallas Township, \$165,000.

William Gale and spouse to Gary Englehart and spouse, Shrine View, Dallas Township, \$163,500.

Presidential Land Co. Inc. to Joseph Dussinger and spouse, Dallas Township, \$59,900.

Louise A. Goodwin to Maureen E. Oremus, Franklin Township, \$117,000.

James Gress and spouse to Paul Mancia and spouse, Harveys Lake, \$1,000,000.

Robert A. Cronauer and others to Richard Foglia, Harveys Lake, \$210,000.

Maureen Gosart to Bernard Pemberton and spouse, Harveys Lake, \$53,500.

Fuller A. Ashton to John Halbing and spouse, Harveys Lake, \$250,000.

John Schilling to Ronald Lay and spouse, Harveys Lake, \$20,000.

Morequity Inc. to Mary Clark, Harveys Lake, \$47,300.

Doris Thompson to Florence Browne, 92 Atherholt Drive, Kingston Township, \$87,000.

Lee Ann McDermott to McDermott Real Estate Appraisal, 155 N. Main St., Kingston Township, \$55,898.

Donna M. Fowler to Robert Guizzetti, Harris Hill, Kingston Township, \$110,000.

Brian Novicki and spouse to

Joseph Saunders and spouse, Kingston Township, \$80,000.

Peter Menges and spouse to Brian Novicki and spouse, Kingston Township, \$150,000.

Thomas Hite Sr. and spouse to Thomas Hite Jr., Kingston Township, \$91,900.

John E. Halbing III to Larry R. McLean, Wakefield Road, Kingston Township, \$483,320.

William Roberts and spouse to Robert Manzella and spouse, Midway Manor, Kingston Township, \$125,000.

William Charlton and spouse to Jason Coslett and spouse, Hillbrook Farms, Kingston Township, \$25,000.

Andrew Chewey and others to Susan M. Sutton, 5807 Main Road, Lake Township, \$55,162.

Reo Cheshire and spouse to Joseph Buzunis and others, Lake Township, \$168,000.

Stephen Shonus and spouse to Mark Pisano and spouse, Lehman Township, \$233,000.

Theron Osborne Jr. and spouse to Laurie Naugle, Oak Hill, Lehman Township, \$145,000.

Ferrelgas LP to Gardner Gas Inc., Lehman Township, \$50,000.

Andrew Kopczyński and spouse to Joseph Vancante and spouse, Amber Woods, Lehman Township, \$48,900.

Donald Thrash and spouse to Michele Phares, Lehman Township, \$35,500.

Estate of Calvin Cease Jr. to Edward Warkevich and spouse, Lehman Township, \$1,500.

Security Experts Inc. to David E. Lewis, Lake Silkworth, Lehman Township, \$21,770.

Evelyn Horutz to John Burkhardt and others, Ross Township, \$155,000.

Perry Brothers Corporation to Daniel Chorba Jr. and spouse, Ross Township, \$750,000.

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