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not in any way support natural gas drilling in Harveys Lake Borough, but I cannot and will not violate state law to stop it," before voting no on the ordinance.

Councilman Boyd Barber abstained from voting at the advice of the borough solicitor because he has signed gas leases for property he owns in Wyoming County.

Ordinance backers touted the ordinance as offering more protection for the borough than its zoning ordinance can provide.

"We don't control the watershed because we're in a bowl, and to the extent that this ordinance can help us do that, I think that the council should consider it," resident Mike Dziak said.

"I'm concerned about our ability to control things that aren't in our hands, and it isn't in our hands, and the zoning thing just doesn't do it."

Others, including Harveys Lake Environmental Advisory Council member Michael Daley, borough planning consultant Jack Varaly and borough Solicitor Charles D. McCormick argued enacting the ordinance could expose the borough to legal liability.

Daley called the ordinance "legal gamesmanship" and "a gamble" that "clearly violates the state oil and gas law" that could cost the borough hundreds of thousands to defend in court.

Varaly said the ability to ban gas drilling is ultimately a question of land use and falls under the authority of municipal zoning, and described how the borough could strengthen its zoning ordinance to effectively prohibit

drilling without adopting the ordinance.

McCormick called the ordinance "overly broad" and "legally questionable," particularly in its outlining of the inalienable rights of natural communities and ecosystems, and said "it will most likely cause significant difficulty for the residents down the road completely outside of the question of the gas drilling."

After the meeting, Boice said she was disappointed that council did not adopt the ordinance and that she "won't give up. I'll continue. This isn't the last Harveys Lake has heard from us."

"We're going to try to support people in the upcoming election who are going to honor the will of the people," she continued. "We, meaning the people of Harveys Lake who overwhelmingly support this ordinance. We have to elect people who will honor the will of the people."

Rules outlined for KT's Spring Clean Up Program set for May 2

The following rules apply to Kingston Township's Spring Clean Up Program, which begins on May 2. The program, held at the township public works building, is only open to Kingston Township residents, and proof of residence must be shown at time of materials drop off.

• Hours are as follows: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 2, 4 and 6, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 3 and 5, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 7.

• The following items will not be accepted: household trash or garbage; recyclable items such as newspapers, plastics, bi-metallic cans, clear and colored glass, tree stumps or rocks; construction debris; toxic materials but not limited to paints, solvents, automotive

fluids, fertilizers, medical waste or any chemicals; all electronics; tires; and large appliances such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, furnaces, stoves, microwaves and water heaters.

Air conditioners or dehumidifiers not tagged with a certified sticker from a professional stating that Freon has been removed will not be accepted.

Participants are asked to present tattered American flags to the staff for proper disposal.

• All residents are required to obtain a coupon prior to dropping off any materials in accordance with the following fee schedule: Cars and small SUVs can make three trips with a \$5 permit, or unlimited trips with a \$10 permit. Vans, mid-size

SUVs and small trucks can make two trips with a \$10 permit or unlimited trips with a \$25 permit. Large trucks, trailers, cargo vans and large SUVs less than 1 ton can make one trip with a \$35 permit. Vehicles weighing more than 1 ton can make one trip with a \$90 permit.

There will be no refunds on coupons. The township reserves the right in determining the classification of vehicles.

• Coupons are issued to the occupants of rental units, not to the owners.

• Proper identification will be required with coupon for admission to the drop off site.

For more information, please contact the Kingston Township offices at 696-3809.

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sources, Talisman Energy and the Marcellus Shale Coalition.

"I mean, do you really trust that an ordinance or the guts of an ordinance coming from PSATS is going to not have a conflict of interests?" she asked.

Brennan said the PSATS organization is a "good, strong source of information," and he doesn't believe the conference sponsors will interfere with the ordinance research. He added the township has been trying to deal with a "moving target," and he is anxiously waiting to view the proposed ordinance.

"We're grateful for the letter, but you should know it's underway," said Brennan.

Brennan said the ordinance will be presented and then advertised for public view before it is adopted.

In other matters...

• The board will accept sealed bid proposals for the rental of 25 40-yard waste containers for the township spring cleanup and for 2011 road materials until 4 p.m. April 5. Supervisors will award bids at their next regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. April 5.

CIVIC BRIEFS

Alzheimer's group meets March 21

The Dallas Alzheimer's Support Group will meet from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Monday, March 21 at the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 55 W. Center Hill Rd., Dallas. Participants are asked to bring a lunch.

For more information, call

675-8600.

HL Homecoming Committee meets

The Harveys Lake Borough Homecoming Committee will hold its first meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 21, at the borough municipal building, Route 415, Sunset.

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