

## **TOWN OF LEWISTON**

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TOWN OF LEWISTON RESOLUTION 2017 - 3

WHEREAS, in the late 1940, the United State government operated a site for the production of Trinitrotoluene (TNT), for war produced at the Model City Site on Balmer Road in the Towns of Porter and Lewiston, NY, and

WHEREAS, in ensuing years these lands where also used for production of other toxic and radioactive materials which were subsequently consolidated and buried for future disposition, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lewiston has on many occasions' enacted resolutions requesting complete removal of these radio-active and dangerous materials away from the area. To remove the threat of serious health conditions which could present themselves in the event of leakage or exposure, and

WHEREAS, the mere existence of this burial ground is detrimental to the health, economic vitality and desirability for business and residential improvements as well as reducing property value in this beautiful rural environment adjoining the great water resource of the Niagara River and Lake Ontario.

NOW WHEREAS, the issue of dispositions is long over-due and the Town of Lewiston ampoules are unanimous in agreement with the Corps of Engineers best recommendation to pursue Alternative 4 - Excavation and Off site Removal to address the area of concern (AOC) of the Occidental Chemical Corporation Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Lewiston, this Town Board requests that the actions described in the above be carried out at the earliest and safest time available.

BE IT FURTER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Army Corps of Engineers, Niagara County Legislature, Village of Lewiston, Town of Porter, Village of Youngstown, State Senators and Assemblyman as well as Congressman Chris Collins.

Donna R. Garfinkel - Town Clerk

January 23, 2017