

### **James Lombardi in fair condition**

LEWISTON — Town Supervisor James J. Lombardi, who was hospitalized last weekend, may have suffered a mild heart attack, a town official said Wednesday.

Town Clerk Mary Beth Brado said she was told the 48-year-old supervisor would be hospitalized for about six weeks and may spend another two months convalescing at home.

Lombardi, a Niagara Falls High School teacher, was listed in fair condition today in the Mount St. Mary's Hospital intensive care unit.

Lombardi also operates a Ridge Road farm with his brother Sebastian, a town justice.

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## **Hearing on new landfill in Lewiston opens today**

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The debate over Modern Landfill Inc.'s request to build a new industrial waste landfill was scheduled to begin today in a state hearing at the Lewiston Town Hall.

Modern has asked the state Department of Environmental Conservation for permission to build a new landfill on 200 acres of land northeast of Harold and Fletcher roads. The property is in the Town of Lewiston.

A related company, Modern Disposal Services Inc., now operates a landfill on Model City Road that is nearing capacity.

Modern's new landfill would be located on property that was part of the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works, a radioactive waste repository owned by the federal government.

A state Health Department order restricting the use of the former government property was lifted this summer.

The ban was lifted after Modern removed radiation-contaminated soil from the property. The contaminated material was transferred to the ordnance plant property under the supervision of the U.S. Department of Energy.

DEC Administrative Law Judge William Dickerson said the public hearing would begin with testimo-

ny from Modern's consultants and engineers who would explain the proposed project.

The town, Operation Clean and a group of residents, led by town Councilman Joan Gipp, have been granted party status for the hearing, a ruling that will allow them to cross-examine Modern's witnesses and present witnesses of their own.

Sam Jowdy, a Porter Center Road resident who lives near the proposed landfill, also will be allowed to participate in the hearing, according to an earlier ruling by Dickerson.

Modern said it would use the landfill for the disposal of non-hazardous industrial wastes.

Dickerson said the hearing would run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., then 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. daily.

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