

Lewiston to pursue LOOW injunction

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LEWISTON — The Town Board last night told its attorney to investigate obtaining a court injunction to temporarily keep the Department of Energy from burying radioactive material at the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW) site.

The government is scheduled this spring to bury the material which was obtained from the Belgian government and is currently stored in a silo on the property.

Town Attorney Benjamin Hewitt said it is important to obtain an environmental impact statement before the material is buried. "Once it is underground, he said, "It is very unlikely that it will be dug up."

Although an injunction would not be a guarantee against burial, Hewitt said, it would give the public an opportunity to participate in the disposal decision.

Hewitt said he will confer with the town's Washington, D.C., legal counsel to determine whether the injunction should

be brought in a Federal District Court in Washington or Buffalo.

In other business:

- The board passed an amendment to the local law on senior citizen tax exemptions. The new law, which becomes effective with the 1985 tax rolls, enables senior citizens with an annual income of more than \$10,500, but less than \$11,000, to receive a 45 percent tax reduction.

Previously those with annual incomes below \$10,500 received a 50 percent tax break, but there was no form of relief offered for those missing the cut-off point.

According to the graduated scale adopted last night, people with an annual income of more than \$11,000 but less than \$11,500 would receive a 40 percent tax reduction; more than \$11,500 but less than \$12,000, 35 percent reduction; more than \$12,000 but less than \$12,500, 30 percent reductions; more than \$12,500 but less than \$13,000, 25 percent reduction; and more than \$13,000 but less than \$13,500, a 20 percent reduction.

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