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Lew-Port wants pay for contaminated site

YOUNGSTOWN — The Lewiston-Porter Board of Education wants compensation from the U.S. Department of Energy for the Niagara Falls Storage Site.

The board passed a resolution Tuesday that asks the Department of Energy for payment in lieu of taxes for the site, formerly the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works, which has been off the tax rolls for 45 years.

The 190-acre site on Fletcher Road contains 250,000 cubic yards of radioactive residues and wastes from the World War II Manhattan Project development of the atomic bomb.

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The U.S. Department of Energy has decided the waste should remain at the site forever.

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"We had always hoped that there would be some kind of cleanup. But since they decided to leave the residue there we might as well take a stab at it (payment in lieu of taxes)," said Thomas Pryce, vice president of the board.

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- After several different types of review, the board voted to give Superintendent Gail Stephens an \$1,800 merit raise under the provisions of her contract. Her salary for this year was \$51,700.

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- The board is allowing the All Sports Boosters Club to pay fees for transportation and officials for the 1986-87 athletic program. The district adopted a contingency budget that does not include funding for interscholastic sports.

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