



The Lewiston Event Center at 845 Cayuga St.

# LEC remains open as discussions continue

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filling up at 4% a year. It was actually on Discovery Channel as one of the fastest filling-up storage facilities in the country," he said.

HPC Chairwoman Loretta Frankovitch said, "I don't think we're arguing that there's a need. I think we're arguing that, in a historic village, it might not be an appropriate use of the space; and it may not, in fact, agree with our code – depending on how we interpret storage versus warehouse. I think that's what the issue is, is more of does it actually work with our code or not."

At the Planning Board meeting, Candella offered a different explanation: "I don't see where it's not permitted. And also, what's the deal with across the street? That's in B-1, right?"

He asked if the other storage building was an accessory to another business or property. Receiving conflicting reports, Candella said, "I think we better pull some paperwork on it, and see what it is."

The chatter from an audience that included Village Board members Mayor Anne Welch and trustees Vic Eydt and Tina Coppins suggested that storage unit cluster was OK'd in the 1990s.

Candella said, "Before we make a decision on if it's permitted or not, maybe we have to get more into that one."

Planning Board Chairman Norm Machelor said Ghotra's proposal is "not not permitted. I think the distinction between warehousing and storage is a distinction without a difference, but it is in the rules. And it's a business."

Ghotra vowed to abide by the village code and said he wants to create a product that will benefit residents.

"Currently, it is a bowling alley. The reason why Mr. Emery and Mr. Harold are selling the bowling alley is because it is not being used as much as it should be," he said. "It is not a profitable location for them. And the people in Lewiston, the village and the town, are not using it in its full potential. It is a building that's

sitting there that is deteriorating every year."

He later noted, "I'm going to keep the historic look of the building, and just change the inside – and actually provide the village with something that they actually need and use."

Both boards were pleased with aesthetic changes presented by Ghotra and Mark Dean, a registered architect and principal owner of Dean Architects. New renderings show more earth tones (tan, brown, maroon) on the building's exterior, as well as additional green space and plantings along the property.

"I think it just looks better," Ghotra said.

HPC member Rita Geiben agreed: "I think you've done a great job. ... I think it looks better than what is does now."

Her board took no action.

Member Peter Coppins said, "We appreciate you bringing this. It looks great. It looks much different than last time. But I think there's more to it than just that. Whether we decide what it looks like or what it doesn't look like, I'd be more comfortable to table it and let the other boards decide whether it's 100% legal to do this in our village. That would be the

end of it. And then you would bring it back to us, and we would work with you on the aesthetics."

Planning Board members voted to approve a second submission.

Machelor said, "I would like it to be approved, because they did what we asked them to do (with regard to exterior changes), which has nothing to do with the zoning."

He added, "Send us to the village attorney and Kenny to research the zoning question."

### LEC Remains Open

As purchase talks continue, the Lewiston Event Center remains open to the public. Posted hours of operation are 4 p.m. to midnight Fridays, 2 p.m. to midnight Saturdays, and noon to 8 p.m. Sundays.

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# Red Brick reopens, as mold is mitigated



The Red Brick Municipal Building at 145 N. Fourth St.

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The Village of Lewiston's Red Brick Municipal Building reopened to the public late last week, after 716 Clean Up & Restoration finished its initial mold remediation process.

716 Clean Up & Restoration was on site over the past three weeks, overseeing and conducting what project manager Shane Hill described as an elaborate, top-to-bottom cleansing. The Saunders Settlement Road-based company, which provides mold and junk removal, and fire, water and flood damage control, tasked Rochester's Fulmer Mold with testing the air quality upon first finding the mold, and again once the mold was contained.

As part of the review process, Lozier Environmental Consulting – also of Rochester – provided Fulmer Mold with an analysis report. Testing was conducted for fungi/pollen including alternaria, ascosore, basidiosore, botrvtis, cladosorium, eiococum, ganoderma, pithomvces, polvthrinium and torula in the clerk's office; on the up-

per floor, where the municipality has a half-dozen tenant spaces; and in the basement gymnasium.

In addition, though mice feces were found in various locations throughout the building, no rodent-based hantavirus was detected.

Mayor Anne Welch said, "I'm glad the remediation has been completed, and it is safe to return to the building."

The cost to clean the building and redress the mold is pegged at \$200,000. Trustees will hold a public hearing prior to their Oct. 17 monthly meeting to listen to resident comments on a proposal to use fund balance monies to pay the bill.

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