

# Warehouse still in use

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The massive, old Brodart warehouse on Memorial Avenue is still in use by the company and staffed with company employees.

It is not a vacant structure, stressed Brodart Vice President Richard Dill this morning as he corrected inaccurate information contained in a Sun-Gazette story earlier in the week.

Dill said employees are assigned to the warehouse and others go in and out on a regular basis.

He also said Brodart approached Lycoming Habit for Humanity about it acquiring the site because the company is in the process of expanding its McElhattan facility, adding that the building is "currently not vacant, nor would it ever be abandoned" by Brodart without a new owner.

Dill said Brodart initiated the idea of using the land on which the warehouse stands to provide housing and has contacted other entities to urge their support for the project.

The matter was on tonight's City Council agenda as a resolution of support for the project by the city, but that has been postponed two weeks for committee review.

As currently proposed, taxpayer money would not be used for the project, but federal Community Development Block Grant funds provided the city would be requested for demolition costs.