

Lawyer hired for PP depot

Water facility would supply gas drillers

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Outside counsel has been hired to help Painted Post officials reach a lease agreement with a firm that plans to build a water depot at the former Ingersoll-Rand foundry site.

Harris Beach, Attorney at Law, of Pittsford, has been brought on to help complete a deal where the

Village of Painted Post could make millions selling water that would be shipped into Pennsylvania for natural gas drilling.

The Painted Post Village Board will meet at 8:30 a.m. Friday to discuss ongoing negotiations with the Wellsboro/Corning Railroad, the firm that wants to buy and transport water to drilling companies.

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The plan involves building a water depot at the former foundry site that would be accessible by rail.

Mayor Roz Crozier said village and railroad officials have talked for the past couple of months and are working toward a contract.

Tom Myles, owner of the Wellsboro/Corning Railroad, presented the plan in April.

The railroad has permission from the Susquehanna River

Basin Commission to withdraw up to one million gallons of water a day from the Painted Post municipal water system.

The railroad company hopes to begin operating at the Painted Post site by August.

Larry Smith, superintendent of the village's Department of Public Works, said the village has enough water to sell to the railroad.

The village could make \$2.6 million a year in sales, based on the railroad's projections of how much water it would purchase.