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## Water sale plan raises concerns

**TO THE EDITOR** | I'm glad to hear there are some sane voices raising the alarm about the proposed sale of Painted Post municipal water. Joining Erwin may be an excellent answer to your money problems. But, in my opinion, this proposed water sale to alleviate your financial woes is entirely the wrong answer. It may end up being a bigger headache.

Can you imagine selling water the size of an Olympic swimming pool every day for five years? Who knows? What if it

drains the aquifer all around? What if wells go dry? What if the Chemung River becomes a trickle? What if everyone ends up having to buy water to drink, bathe and launder by the bottle? What if things go wrong and they could? I can envision what will happen. Those who okayed the project will disappear in the blink of an eye after much finger pointing. All you homeowners in Painted Post may be sued for failure to live up to your contract. Exxon or some gas company can end up owning your home. The cities downstream that are affected may sue as well. How will you answer them?

And the Steuben County landfill is going crazy too! Capturing methane gas from garbage is an excellent idea. But accepting water flux from gas drilling isn't. Who will examine it? You can't tell from looking whether the effluent is from before drilling or poisoned mud and water after.

It would seem that this Painted Post water sale is being drawn up too hastily for such an important move. Is there anybody "out there" thinking about all these things?

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