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Board eyes uses for water sales funds

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PAINTED POST | Village officials are developing a plan for use of the up to \$2.6 million it could earn annually from selling water to northern Pennsylvania companies drilling for natural gas.

The plan, currently being created by the Village Board, will prioritize how and what amount of the money received will be used on specific village projects and upgrades.

Village Mayor Roz Crozier said the plan needs to be binding to the extent that changes can't be easily made, but it must be flexible so that changing and emerging requirements can be addressed.

The Village Board plans to develop an outline of the scope of work required in each identified area, cost estimates and projected timelines.

Officials will investigate matching grant possibilities and the projects long range effect and objectives.

The following issues have been added to the preliminary work list and more additions are probable, according to village officials.

The work list includes:

- Water system upkeep
- Village debt resolution
- Replacement of equipment
- Emergency equipment replacement
 - Tax offset-property
 - Street maintenance
 - Sidewalk

maintenance

- Parking upkeep
- Parking lot maintenance

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- Street lighting
- Cemeteries improvements,
- Swimming pool upgrade
 - Tree replacement
- Village beautification program
 - Planning support
 - Staffing levels
- Foundry industrial site.