

## Update on Outreach to Residents about Long-Term Water Source

Thanks to the **75% of well owners in Tyco's Potable Well Sampling Area (PWSA)** who took the time to meet with Tyco to learn more about the 4 options for long-term water based on engineering studies and share their input. **The two-way communication will continue** as we move forward in the transition off bottled water and POETs to a long-term clean water source.

### Feedback from PWSA Residents

- A slight majority of those we spoke to expressed a **preference for deep wells**.
- Some said they would prefer to **keep things the way they are or did not prefer** any long-term water option at this time.
- Less than 2 percent of those we spoke to preferred **water from the City of Peshtigo**. Most did not think it was practical or feasible.
- Many were **concerned about annexation to the City of Marinette** to get municipal water. Their primary reasons were the new costs that would be incurred for increased taxes and water bills, as well as not wanting to abide by City ordinances.
- That being said, there were others who prefer to be **annexed in order to get water from the City of Marinette**. And many of those who preferred deep wells said they were **open to annexation depending on factors** such as access to sewers, what their neighbors wanted, and Tyco covering at least some of the new tax and water costs.

### Neighbors to gauge interest in annexation

Some of the **property owners who would prefer annexation** have requested some time to speak to neighbors to find out if there is sufficient interest in pursuing annexation for a portion of the PWSA. Neighbors also said they need support in mounting an outreach effort. Tyco therefore is paying for a consultant to work with neighbors to assist them in their efforts to connect with other residents. In response to your feedback, and to aid property owners in determining whether they are interested in pursuing annexation, Tyco would like to clarify:

- **If annexation is pursued by residents and is successful**, Tyco would provide an **upfront, one-time payment** to property owners that would be calculated using the net present value (NPV) of 20 years of increased property taxes and water bills, based on current home assessment values, tax rates, and average water bills. This is in addition to paying for the construction of the waterline.
- If annexation is pursued by residents and is successful, the City of Marinette may or may not ask that annexed residents to **connect to a City sewer line**. Tyco would not cover the costs associated with constructing sewer lines or sewer bills.

### Tyco doing additional research on deep wells based on feedback

- We are looking into the possibility of **providing a maintenance contract for 20 years** to property owners receiving a well that would **cover the cost of any necessary water quality remedies**, if any, like reverse osmosis systems and/or water softeners. This maintenance contract would be in addition to Tyco paying for the construction of the deep wells and needed equipment repairs or replacements.
- Based on comments we received during this process, we are also doing additional geophysical testing **to identify the well depths and features that would provide the best water quality**, while ensuring safety.

Once this additional research is done and we know if a certain area of the PWSA is seeking annexation, **Tyco can begin the long-term water source implementation process, hopefully by late summer**. For deep wells, that would involve an agreement between each well owner and Tyco. For water from the City of Marinette, that would involve completing the annexation process between the property owners and the City, and then, if successful, working with the City to further design and construct a water line to the annexed properties. If both annexation and deep well options will be part of the long-term clean water solution, we will implement this hybrid option.

We will be sure to communicate with PWSA residents as the process moves along. As always, you can contact us at (715) 582-7100 or via the Contact Us form on [www.tycomarinette.com](http://www.tycomarinette.com)