

Seeking water from the City of Marinette and the associated annexation process is being driven by interested residents in the PWSA. Neighbors have been reaching out to us as well and asking for help on some questions related to the process and what cost Tyco is covering. We wanted to support those neighbors and provide accurate information related to the questions that have been raised.

## **FAQs**

### **City of Marinette Water that requires Annexation**

**Q: What costs will Tyco be covering?**

**A:** *Tyco has said since 2019 that it is committed to paying for the design and construction of a permanent clean drinking water solution for the properties in the PWSA – this includes a municipal waterline or individual deep wells. **As it relates to a water line, Tyco will pay to construct the water main, as well as the laterals from the main to the home.***

*In May 2022, Tyco also offered to pay specific new/future costs incurred by property owners due to the long-term water solution. If a property is annexed to the City of Marinette in order to get municipal water, Tyco offered an upfront lump sum payment of the net present value of 20 years of estimated property tax increases and water bills, including estimated annual increases. Tyco mailed a calculation of the specific amount for a property to each owner who requested it. If you would like one, you can contact us at 715-582-7100.*

**Q: If I get municipal water – will I have to seal my well?**

*City ordinances require abandonment of all wells located on the property if the property is hooked up to City water. **If annexation occurs, Tyco will cover the cost of abandoning existing wells.***

**Q: Why can't we get City of Marinette water without annexation?**

**A:** *The City of Marinette has an ordinance that requires annexation for access to city services.*

**Q: Who needs to approve annexation?**

**A:** *An Annexation Petition is initiated by residents. Some neighbors have recently launched such a petition process. Once a valid Annexation Petition is presented to the City of Marinette, it will require a 2/3 vote to approve by Marinette Common Council. The Council has 60 days to accept a Petition once it is presented.*

**Q: Does the Town resident who is organizing the annexation petition, Jennifer Friday, work for Tyco?**

**A:** ***Jennifer Friday does not work for Tyco, has never worked for Tyco, and is not compensated by Tyco in any way, despite false claims to the contrary.***

*Jennifer was interested in possibly connecting to City of Marinette water as a long-term water solution and talked to her neighbors to see how they felt. A significant number of folks in the area proposed for annexation were interested, so Jennifer started the petition process. Since the annexation process is complex and includes a lot of legal requirements, Tyco paid for a consultant to advise Jennifer on the process and handle legal notices. We publicly stated we were providing this support on numerous occasions including an ad in the local newspapers. In Tyco's direct outreach to PWSA residents about long-term water options, we also were told by a considerable number of neighbors that they were interested in annexation for access to municipal water, so we have done what we can to support the process.*

*At the end of the day, it is the PWSA property owners and residents, as well as the City of Marinette leadership, who will decide.*

**Q: How long do I have to decide whether I want to sign the petition?**

*A: A Petition needs be submitted to the City of Marinette within 6 months of it being noticed in local papers. In this case, the petition was noticed at the end of September and, therefore, the petition needs to be signed by the requisite number of electors and property owners by the end of March.*

**Q: Will the petition be public so everyone can see who signed it?**

*A: If there are enough signatures to meet the legal requirements to submit the petition to the City of Marinette, it will be publicly available once it is submitted. **If that is the case, then it would mean the majority of property owners and residents in the area are in favor of annexation.***

**Q: Can I still have a well in an annexed area?**

*A: No, City of Marinette ordinances provide that if the City provides water in your area, you must connect, and you cannot have a deep water well.*

**Q: What if annexation is not successful, can I still get a deep well?**

*A: If for any reason annexation is not pursued or not approved by the City, the deep well option will still be available for residents in this area.*

If you have any additional questions or need more information, **you can contact Tyco at 715-582-7100 or via the Contact Us form on [www.tycomarinette.com](http://www.tycomarinette.com).**