

VILLAGE OF PELLSTON

NOTICE OF PROJECT PLANNING DOCUMENT PUBLIC MEETING

FISCAL YEAR 2026 DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF) PROJECT

The Village of Pellston announces a Public Meeting regarding its Project Planning Document for a proposed municipal water system. The purpose of the meeting is to not only inform, but to seek and gather input from people that will be affected. Comments and viewpoints from the public are encouraged on the proposed projects for which the Village intends to seek low interest Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan assistance.

The public meeting will be part of the regular Village Council meeting on:

DATE: May 12, 2025

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Village Hall, 125 N. Milton, Pellston, MI 49769

PFAS has been detected in private wells within the Village of Pellston, which poses a health concern to residents. The installation of a public water distribution system with a public well source, water treatment plant, and water storage would give residents long-term safe, reliable drinking water that is regularly monitored for compliance with Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) standards.

The proposed municipal water system includes the following elements:

1. Private well abandonment
2. Public well supply (Community well supply)
3. Treatment at site of well supply
4. Transmission main from well site to distribution system
5. Water main (distribution system)
6. Elevated storage tank

Typical construction mitigation is expected. To minimize impacts to the environment and public, necessary permits will be obtained prior to construction and construction standards will be adhered to. Traffic control may be required during the construction of the water mains. Access to some roads may be temporarily restricted to provide a safe working environment. Vegetation disrupted by the construction process will be rehabilitated to their original condition. Service will be maintained for residents during construction via the individual private wells, with short-term disruptions expected during the connection to the water main. Mitigation of potential impacts will be properly performed to protect the environment and the public and will be in accordance with permit requirements. When the limits of ground-disturbing activities are further refined during the design phase for the project, additional review will be made to determine if the habitat for any sensitive species will be impacted.

An evaluation of contamination sites and necessary mitigation will be evaluated during design. Precautionary measures will be taken at each location to ensure that construction of the new water main does not further spread the contamination or result in contaminant exposure to residents or workers.

The total cost of the project is currently estimated as follows, all of which is being sought through the DWSRF program:

Project	Initial Capital Investment	Annual Debt Retirement (40 yrs. @ 2% interest)	Annual Cost per Household	Monthly Cost per Household
Private Well Abandonment	\$1,400,000	\$51,200	\$142.00	\$11.83
Well, Treatment, and Elevated Storage	\$17,300,000	\$632,500	\$1,753.00	\$146.08
Transmission Main	\$3,000,000	\$109,700	\$304.00	\$25.33
Distribution System	\$22,300,000	\$815,200	\$2,259.00	\$188.25
Total	\$44,000,000	\$1,608,600	\$4,458.00	\$371.50

It should be noted that these costs do not consider potential principal forgiveness on the loan or operation and maintenance (O&M) costs of the water system.

A copy of the Draft Project Planning Document will be available for viewing on the Village website starting on May 1, 2025. A copy of the report body will also be available at the Village Hall for viewing. Please refer to the online copy for full appendices.

If you have any questions or want to submit a written statement for the Public Meeting, write to Village Hall, 125 N. Milton, Pellston, MI 49769, or pellstonvillage@gmail.com.

Written comments will be accepted at the addresses above if received prior to the start of the public meeting on May 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Additionally, there will be an opportunity for those who attend the public meeting to provide comments during the meeting.