

**CITY OF HANCOCK**

**NOTICE OF PROJECT PLAN PUBLIC MEETING**

**FISCAL YEAR 2024 DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF) PROJECT**

The City of Hancock announces a Public Meeting regarding its Project Planning Document for proposed water system improvements in the City. 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 City intends to seek low interest Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan assistance.

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

DATE: May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

TIME: 6 pm

PLACE: Hancock City Hall Council Chambers, 399 Quincy Street, Hancock, MI 49930

The Project Planning Document improvements are comprised of water main replacements, water valve replacement, rehabilitation to the valve house, rehabilitation to the elevated storage tank, and rehabilitation to the altitude valve vault. These projects are referenced as follows:

1. Water main replacement and looping is needed throughout the City due to aged and undersized water mains. Improvements would support compliance with state requirements and increase water system reliability.
2. Throughout the City there are several valves that are aged and broken. Valves must be replaced to ensure proper operation of the water system.
3. The exterior of the Houghton Valve House is degraded and requires new siding and a new shingled roof. A replacement heater is also needed to avoid the freezing of pipes.
4. The elevated storage tank requires rehabilitation to repair water damage in the stem of the tower from a leaking mud valve. The improvements required are a new ceiling, insulation, mud valve piping, and internal components at the base of the stem.
5. The underground altitude valve vault must be reconstructed above ground to provide safe access to the valve and other components in the vault. The current valve is working overtime and becoming worn out due to the configuration of the water main lines.

Construction work at the sites could result in dust, noise, and traffic disruptions. The temporary impact of construction activities will be minimized through mitigation measures specified in the contract documents. Adverse impacts on historical, archaeological, geographic, or cultural areas are not expected. There are no anticipated changes to the natural setting or ecosystem. Threatened and endangered species are not anticipated to be impacted by the proposed projects.

These projects are necessary to ensure that the City can maintain water service to residents. The total cost of the project is currently estimated as follows, all of which is being sought through the DWSRF program:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Initial Capital Investment</b>	<b>Annual Debt Retirement (20 yrs. @ 2.75% interest)</b>	<b>Annual Cost per Household</b>	<b>Quarterly Cost per Household</b>
Water Main Subtotal	\$4,640,000	\$304,800	\$178.00	\$44.50
Water Valve Replacement	\$300,000	\$19,800	\$12.00	\$3.00
Houghton Valve House Rehabilitation	\$130,000	\$8,600	\$6.00	\$1.50
Elevated Storage Tank Rehabilitation	\$490,000	\$32,200	\$19.00	\$4.75
Altitude Valve Vault Replacement	\$430,000	\$28,300	\$17.00	\$4.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,990,000</b>	<b>\$393,700</b>	<b>\$232.00</b>	<b>\$58.00</b>

A copy of the Draft Project Planning Document will be available for viewing at the City Hall starting on May 5, 2023.

If you have any questions or want to submit a written statement for the Public Meeting, write to Mary Babcock, 399 Quincy Street, Hancock, MI 49930, [manager@cityofhancock.net](mailto:manager@cityofhancock.net).

Written comments will be accepted at the addresses above if received prior to the closing of comments on May 17, 2023.