



The Township Board reviews and adjusts the water and sewer rates charged to our customers every year. With your latest water/sewer bill you will see the following increases.

Water Rates

The Township raised the water rates 10% this year. This is due to the following.

- We purchase our water wholesale from the City of Grand Rapids. Earlier this year the City increased the wholesale rate they charge us by 9.13%.
- Last year the Township Board authorized a three-year, \$8 million project to remove and replace all the older cast iron watermain in the Adacraft, Adatowne, and a part of the Ada Woods neighborhoods. This watermain (over 5 miles) will be replaced with ductile iron pipe. After this complete, all of our 41 miles of watermain will be ductile iron pipe.
- Our Township is growing, so we also need to increase the capacity of the Ada Drive water pumping station with a larger pump and new electrical controls. Work on this \$300,000 project will be completed next month.
- We also need to repaint the Knapp Street water tower later this summer.

Sewer Rates

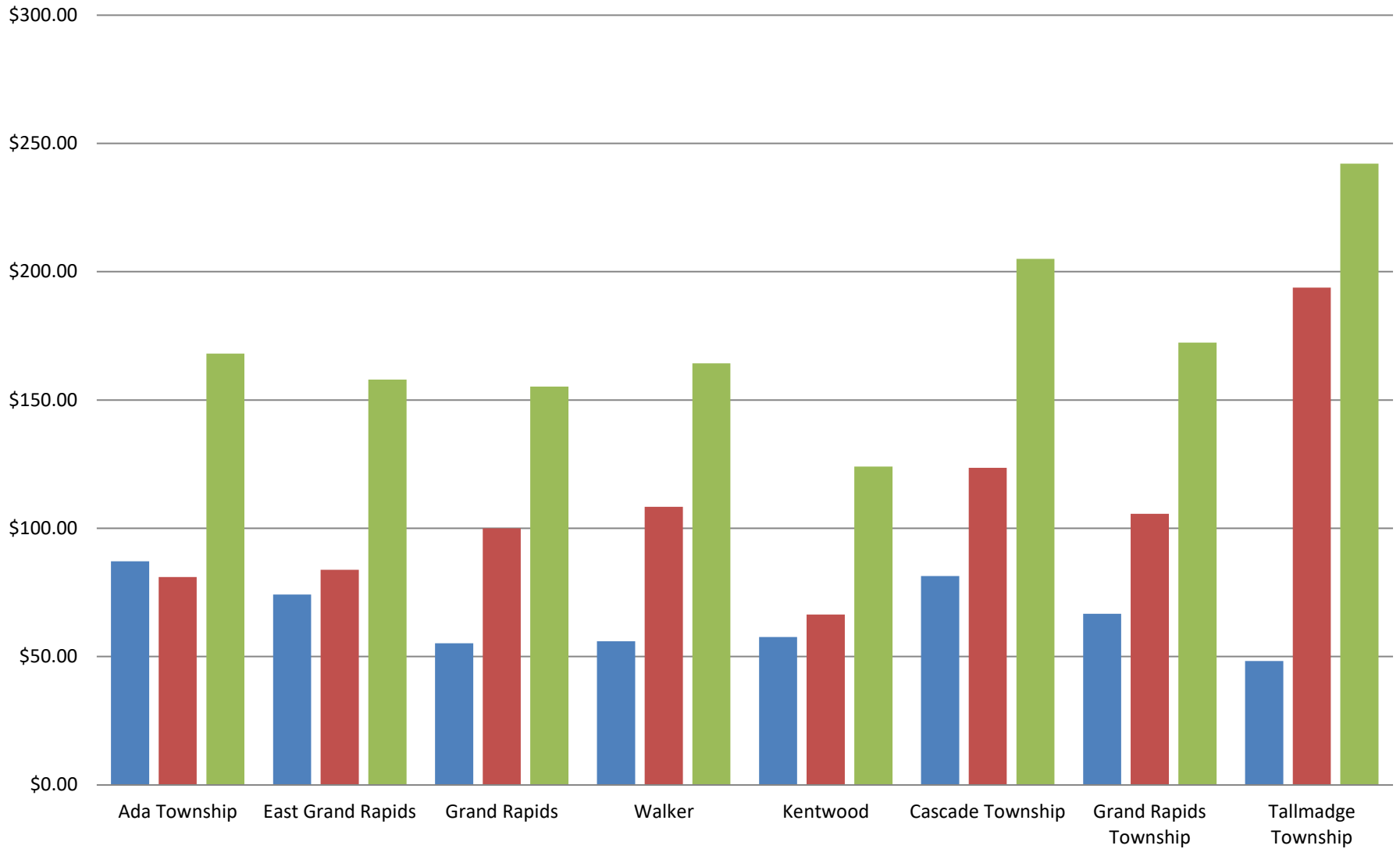
The Township raised the sewer rates 5.2% this year. This is due to the following.

- Our sewer system flows into the City of Rapids system, and the City increased the wholesale sewer rate they charge us by 9.42%. Most of this increase is to cover Ada Township's portion of the new \$80 million bio-digester currently under construction at the Grand Rapids Water Resource Recovery Facility (wastewater treatment plant). When completed, this will convert waste water to natural gas which can be sold back to the grid. In a few years this should generate funds to offset future sewer rate increases.
- We recently completed significant improvements to the Township sewer system including \$2 million to re-line over a mile of the Township's main sewer line under Ada Drive. This sewer line was over fifty years old and was severely corroded. The relining of the main should provide reliable service for another fifty years.
- There are six sewage pumping stations in the Township, and we are budgeting \$750,000 for repairs/upgrades that will be required over the next few years.

In summary, the projects listed above represent a \$10 million investment into our water and sewer system. We anticipate both systems will serve us well into the future.

We have also included a bar chart that shows Ada township rates relative to other communities in our area that are fed from the Grand Rapids water and sewer system. Even with the recent rate increases, Ada Township rates remain competitive with our surrounding communities.

Summary of Average Bi-Monthly Water/Sewer Bill for 2020/21 – Grand Rapids Customers



These comparisons assume water usage of 200 gallons per day or 6,000 gallons per month.

■ Water ■ Sewer ■ Total