

Tremont Examines Sewer Rates

The Village of Tremont examined sewer rates for several central Illinois communities* to compare those charges with Tremont's charges. The average monthly charge for sewer service only for these communities was \$30. Tremont currently charges \$9.

Our present rate is inadequate to maintain and repair our current sewer system and we are facing some immediate repair expenses. The Village looked into grants available to rural water systems. We are not eligible for these grants because our sewer rates are so low. In order to be eligible, the Village's sewer bills would have to exceed \$59 per month.

The Village Board has approved a new sewer service rate of \$16 per month for up to 10,000 gallons per month. This will cover about 90% of the water users in Tremont. Those using more than 10,000 gallons per month will be charged \$20.

At our new rate, the minimum bill for combined water and sewer service will be \$20.50 per month. The average bill will be around \$40 per month. We believe this increase will allow Tremont to continue to provide safe and effective water and sewer service at a very reasonable cost.

Tremont Village Trustees

* Central Illinois Smaller Community Sewer Rates (5000 gallons per month)

Mackinaw	\$30
Hopedale	\$24
Metamora	\$40
El Paso	\$24
Washburn	\$35
Eureka	\$18
Henry	\$40
Minonk	\$30
Tremont new rate	\$16