# **CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH**

#### PUBLIC SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

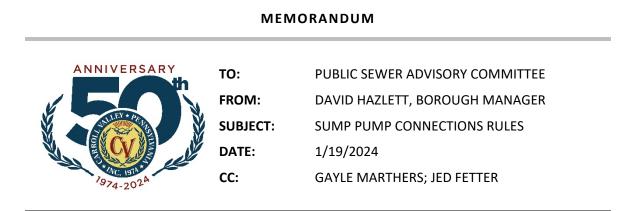
# **REGULAR MEETING**

# MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

# AGENDA

Roll Call

- 1. Approval of Minutes: August 14, 2023
- 2. Open to the Public
- 3. Administrative Business
- 4. Unfinished Business
  - a. Sewer Treatment Plant Update
- 5. New Business
  - a. Sump Pumps Connected to Sewer System
- 6. Open to the Public
- 7. Adjournment



#### Everyone,

Jed intends to discuss with the committee his ongoing concerns regarding rain/snow events and the obvious spike they cause in inflow/infiltration at the sewer plant. He believes, and I concur that we may have a problem with sump pumps being illegally connected to the sewer system.

In reviewing our currently adopted rules regarding sump pumps, the Borough has the following:

#### §18-169. Installation.

All building sewer lines, as defined herein, shall be installed in accordance with the following minimum requirements:

A. No building floor drain, sump pump, or any device permitting storm, water-table, or surface water to enter the sewer system shall be permitted.

#### §18-174. Inspection.

The Borough or its representative shall from time to time have the right to inspect the plumbing of all properties, buildings, systems, etc., connected to its sewer system to insure compliance to its rules, regulations and/or ordinances of the Borough. All inspections shall be performed during normal business hours or at other times mutually acceptable to the property owner and the Borough. All plumbing or other items found not to be in conformity with the rules and regulations of the Borough and/or ordinances of the Borough shall, within 30 days after receipt of written notice, be corrected to conform to said rules, regulations and/or ordinances.

Unfortunately, Chapter 18, Part 1, where the above is located doesn't contain a "penalties" clause. Because of that, the Borough can notify residents of the rules and do inspections of the plumbing, but if the property owner does nothing, the Borough can impose no penalties or take action to correct the issue.

I recommend we craft an ordinance revision to Chapter 18, which includes a "penalties" section at the end of Part 1 before we take any public steps regarding the matter. This new ordinance section would outline fines and costs and authorize the Borough to correct the matter if the resident is non-responsive.

