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Dear Property Owners;

With the increase of new property owners, the Township Board decided this would be a good time to remind you of a few things, regarding the Chippewa Lake Sewer System. First, if you have any operating issue, with your sewer system, you **must** call **231-867-3616** and **leave a message. This is a 24 hour phone line with an answering machine. This is the only Township telephone number that is monitored, after hours and on weekends.** Please make sure you include the following information, in your phone message: Full Name, a phone number you can be reached at, the property address and the nature of the sewer problem you are experiencing. It is also very helpful if you notice a light or buzzing alarm, from your neighbors control panel, that you call and report the alarm.

Also, The Chippewa Lake Sanitary Drain Ordinance **prohibits sump pumps** from being hooked into the sewer system. If you currently are discharging into the sewer system, by use of a sump pump, you are required to immediately disengage and remove the sump pump from the system. Enclosed is a portion of the Sewer Ordinance that every property owner should read. You can also view the Ordinance in its entirety at www.chippewatwp.org, click on Chippewa Lake, then click Sewer, and in the middle of the page click on Sewer Ordinance.

ARTICLE VI

ARTICLE I USE OF THE PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEM

Section 101. Prohibited Discharge of Storm Water. No Person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water, ground water, water from footing drains, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, unpolluted cooling water or unpolluted industrial process waters to the Public Sewer System. Any premise connected to a Storm Sewer shall comply with county, state and federal requirements as well as those of the Township.

Prohibited Discharges to Public Sewer System.

(a) No User shall contribute or cause to be contributed, directly or indirectly, any pollutant or wastewater which will interfere with the operation or performance of the System or the Sewage Treatment Facility. These general prohibitions apply to all such Users whether or not the User is subject to the National Categorical Pretreatment Standards of any other national, state or local Pretreatment Standards or requirements. A User may not contribute the following substances to the System or the Sewage Treatment Facility:

(1) Personal hygiene products (including, but not limited to, feminine hygiene products and facial tissues) and prophylactics.

(2) Any liquids, solids or gases which by reason of their nature or quantity are, or may be, sufficient either alone or by interaction with other substances to cause fire or explosion or be injurious in any other way to the System or the Sewage Treatment Facility or to the operation of the System or the Sewer Treatment Facility. Prohibited materials include, but are not limited to, gasoline, kerosene, naphtha, benzene, toluene, xylene, ethers, alcohols, ketones, aldehydes, peroxides, chlorates, perchlorates, bromates, carbides, hydrides and sulfides.

(3) Solid or viscous substances which may cause obstruction to the flow in a sewer or other interference with the operation of the Sewage Treatment Facility such as, but not limited to: grease, garbage that is not Properly Shredded Garbage, animal guts or tissues, paunch manure, bones, hair, hides or fleshing, entrails, whole blood, feathers, ashes, cinders, sand, spent lime, stone or marble dust, metal, glass, straw, shavings, grass clippings, rags, spent grains, spent hops, waste paper, wood, plastics, gas, tar, asphalt residues, residues from refining, or processing of fuel or lubricating oil, mud, or glass grinding or polishing wastes.

Section 102. Discharge Permit Limitations. No Person shall discharge or cause to be discharged into the System any Sewage which would cause effluent from the Sewage Treatment Facility to exceed discharge limits established in the Discharge Permit issued for operation of the System.

Currently the Township does not have property owner phone numbers on file. The Township Board is requesting phone numbers for those properties, in the Chippewa Lake Sewer District, in case of sewer emergencies or your system needs to be shut down for a scheduled maintenance. The phone numbers will not be given out to anyone. Phone numbers will only be used by Township or Sewer officials to contact you only when necessary.

If you have any questions, regarding the ordinance, or any other Sewer or Township matter, please do not hesitate in contacting the Township. The Township office phone number is 231.867.3777 or you can email the Clerk – kristin@chippewatwp.org and Treasurer – julie@chippewatwp.org

Township Office hours are Monday thru Thursday 9:00am to 4:00pm; unless classes, meetings or other Township business takes us out of the office.

Thank you for your time and compliance with the Chippewa Lake Sanitary Drain Sewer Ordinance.

Sincerely,

The Chippewa Township Board