

City of Auburn Plumbing Board

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 4:00 PM, Memorial City Hall

Present: Greg Gallinger, Joe Sliwka, John Sanford, Seth Jensen Absent: Vince

Jodie Fish: Discussed the NYS Sexual Harassment and Workplace Violence Information. Please complete the 2 twenty-minute trainings for NYS.

Seth: We can get this completed in January as the board members are covered by the City of Auburn's Insurance, we have to complete this.

Seth: Alright no Public to be heard. Motion to approve the meetings from last meeting. Motion approved by Greg and second by John. All in Favor. I.

Joe: Lets start with Old Business. Mr. Tanner has two more drawings to do regarding the CAD drawings for the Master Plumber Exam. He will be sending his PDF files down to Crystal to get this added. I met with John and Greg last week and we went over the Master Plumber Test regarding the point system. We got everything to equal 100% and it is much simpler to grade.

Seth: Has the plumbing code book been updated?

Joe: The book has been updated as of June 22, 2022. It is completed.

Joe: 19-21 Grove Ave, this problem has finally gone away. Drain layer came in and ran the water/sewer line. The permit has been pulled and the work was inspected and completed.

Seth: How did you make out with the Homeowners exam? Is it ready to be given out to Homeowners?

Joe: I will take a look and I believe that test will be ready to go. I have been collecting a list of homeowners who want to take the exam.

Joe: Non-Compliance/Breakdown Permits Issues and Stop Work Orders, I have just issued my first ticket this week. I pulled a quick report as of 11/15/2022. 245 plumbing permits have been issued for the year as well as 59 HVAC and mechanical permits have been issued. I believe more and more people are following the rules.

Joe: Updating the Plumbing Code on the City Website, I will be working with Chuck Mason to get this updated on the City Website.

Joe: The board accepted Tim O'Connell to take the Drain Layers test in the new year. Mr. Marvin was interviewed last meeting as well but unfortunately; he did not provide the 5 years journeyman and 5 years apprenticeship to qualify for the Master Plumbers exam.

John: The company he worked for should be able to pull his records if his company registered him every year like they are suppose too.

Joe: Moving on to New Business. I have a question regarding a pricing of duct work. We don't have a price on our pricing sheet for just duct work.

Seth: One of the things I'm just thinking about is that we will be starting up the new budget here pretty soon. Joe, please bring in the permit schedule at our next meeting out of the budget book and we can all look through it and see if this is valid. We have had a few conversations around fines as well. Then when I prepare that portion of the budget, we can say this was approved by the Plumbing Board.

Joe: Sounds good. Alright, I caught Rotor Rooter doing work in the city as they were doing plumbing without a permit. They have sent a letter back regarding the \$1,000 fine. They are asking for a reduction in their fine. I have not responded at all and I wanted to bring this up to the board. Awhile back, I got a phone call from a local plumber regarding a complaint about this. I talked to Mr. Rooter's employee at the property where this work was happening. In my opinion Mr. Rooter went there and started the job. He then continued knowing he needed a permit. Basically, when the job got overwhelming, the employee panic and he left. They have been caught before and, in my opinion, if he didn't get caught, they would have completed the job. My recommendation is to leave the current fine in place. We can write up a letter stating the fines will stay in place.

Seth: That sounds good.

Joe: Engineering department has been talking to me regarding the sanitary sewers and storm drains.

Seth: Back Story on that, we are going to be working in the Wadsworth area where we will be completely separating the storm from the sanitary sewer. As part of that work, we will likely have to do some sewer lateral adjustments. So, we have two options we can build a brand new sanitary or do rehab of the old combined sewer. We are going to be doing this in multiple locations throughout the city. Hoping to get this project BID out sometime next year. With that brand new streets will come from this as well. Once we know how many services we will need to do, owners will be notified. Hopefully in the next couple years all the sewers will be separated. This is just a bit of background on a project coming in the near future.

Joe: Lastly, I got a phone call from Finger Lakes Fish. The contractor sent me over a proposed addition for the building. Basically, he is running a whole new sewer in which he found out that underneath their driveway they have SDR35. He doesn't know how long it's been there and being a driveway, I thought it had to be Schedule 40. He asked if he is not touching it, does he still have to replace it.

Seth: Well, they have a ton of I&I so it might be in their best interest to replace it. Let's talk to the water/sewer supervisor and see if he can televise it.

Joe: The contractor knows that it should be schedule 40 but I can call the water/sewer supervisor and see if he can televise it for them.

Seth: Please run this by Steve Selvek as well as he is the one that was also on their project.

Joe: I will do that and I will call the contractor to get verification on the addition of that project.

Motion to adjourn made by Greg, seconded by John. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion Carried

Recorded by Crystal Nevidomsky