

City of Auburn Plumbing Board

Wednesday, May 3rd 2023 at 4:00 PM, Memorial City Hall

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

Missing: Greg Gallinger and Vince Klino

Seth Jensen: Calling this meeting to order.

Seth Jensen: Is there any Public to be heard?

Public: Yes, my name is Jeremy Bennett. I received a letter from the Codes Office as I did plumbing work and I didn't realize I was not supposed to do. As soon as I received the notice, I got this straighten out. I contacted John to get the Permits put in place. I am asking for forgiveness of the fines?

Joe Sliwka: I have a list of the Code Violations. The fees include plumbing without a license first offence \$1000 and plumbing with no permit \$150. Total bill \$1,150. Myself and the Codes Department looked at this today.

John: I have no problem doing a reduction as he took care of the issue as soon as he received the letter.

Joe: We can make a note on the account stating if Mr. Bennett receives a second violation again, he will get fined the second offence of \$3,000. I would waive the \$1,000 and leave the \$150 in place.

Seth: When we are dealing with matters like this, we need to be consistent with this and document why this reduction has been provided. Also, thank you Jeremy for coming in person and presented your case.

Joe: Ok, I will talk to Codes on this tomorrow and contact Greg and Vinny to see what their vote will be on this matter.

Seth: Is there are any edits to the minutes of Wednesday March 3, 2023? There being none, the minutes are accepted and approved.

Joe: Old Business, we got 95 Plumbing Permits so far this year. Mechanical permits are getting better. I have been reaching out to Heating Companies who have never been pulling permits before and now they are. Next on the list, we are implementing a grease trap inspection fee for \$50. The owner of the business will need to contact us for an appointment. New Business, I found article about how some states are banning PVC as water service material. Rochester is one city that follows this rule. I know the sewer is already banned in the City of Auburn. Just a reminder nice weather is coming in please make sure Dig Safe is called in. Lastly, plumbers and drain layers, we have that sewer and water lines up to \$9,500 for sewer on taxes and \$2,500 on water line please contact Carol at the Water Billing Department so you can verify they are current on their taxes.

Seth: Please Joe send out a mass email to all plumbers and drain layers regarding the water/sewer line replacement program.

Joe: I did have a plumber submit to take the Master Plumber Exam. I told him to work on getting the following paperwork as the test is given in October so he has time to hand in all his paperwork.

Seth: Last time we meant we talked about Maintenance department with the large complexes in the city.

Joe: I did talk to Standard Woods and none of their buildings have backflow devices. They also do not contact a plumber to install water heaters.

Seth: On these larger complexes I think we need to identify what complexes we need to reach out too and notify them that they need to hire a master plumber. We should start putting a list together.

Seth: Is the homeowner's exam ready to go?

Joe: Yes, that is ready to go. The test is only offered in October.

Motion to adjourn made by Seth, seconded by Joe. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion Carried

Recorded by Crystal Nevidomsky