

CITY OF AUBURN

EXAMINING BOARD OF PLUMBERS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2012

Members Present: Mr. Frank Siracusa, Mr. Bill Orman, Mr. Greg Gallinger, Mr. Steve Bianco, Mr. Carl Castiglione

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Kim Bauso

Frank Siracusa called the meeting to order on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Siracusa: First order of business is to present the minutes from the last meeting and to accept them.

[Minutes approved by Board Members.]

Mr. Siracusa: Everybody got a copy of the letter that was sent to Mr. Resnick?

Kim Bauso: If everyone approves of it, then Carl was going to sign it tonight. It would go in tomorrow's mail. Is everyone okay with the wording?

Mr. Orman: Is this \$500 the maximum allowable fine?

Mr. Castiglione: Yes. Look in the Code book, under section titled "Violations".

Mr. Orman: Now the letter states that he was caught two times prior. Was he fined on those times?

Mr. Castiglione: Yeah, one of them.

Kim Bauso: For the one where he worked at Applebee's. He was fined \$100.

Mr. Castiglione: We took him to court. He appeared and the Judge fined him \$100.

Mr. Siracusa: So this is the maximum fine now for this offence? Everybody approve the letter?

[Letter to DBR Plumbing regarding imposing of \$500 fine, approved by all Board Members.]

Mr. Siracusa: Now last month we discussed the building permits being issued, in the building permit it has been added "This is a building permit only. Plumbing and electrical work is not covered."

Mr. Orman: That's a permit that gets issued to the contractors coming in?

Kim Bauso: And to the homeowners. Remember last month you were talking about it, you had a concern "how do they know plumbing is not included in a whole house remodel permit?" so I had our

computer guy add that sentence on there. Now when we issue whole house remodel permits, or any remodel permits like for a kitchen, that sentence will get highlighted as we verbally tell them the same.

Mr. Siracusa: So what you're saying is it wasn't on there before?

Kim Bauso: No it wasn't. We've now added that.

Mr. Orman: So with that statement on there, now they can't use the excuse they thought that permit covered everything. They still have to follow through on the proper permitting.

Mr. Siracusa: Also, I see here this permit is good for six months. Are plumbing permits the same?

Mr. Castiglione: Yes.

Mr. Bianco: Here's another problem with that portion of the permit. How do they know it's good just for that one job? For Homeowner's. The majority of them think if they pass the Homeowner's exam, they're good to go. There's still a misunderstanding with the people who take that test.

Mr. Siracusa: No, there's no misunderstanding. On their part maybe. But it says on the Exam now, passing that is good for the one job only. You did a follow up letter on that too, right, Carl?

Kim Bauso: You all saw the letter we sent out. It went to everyone who's ever passed the Homeowner's exam. I think we did it back in April or May.

Carl Castiglione: We could insert a copy of that in the test too maybe. Have them sign it in acknowledgement.

[Inaudible discussion among Board Members.]

Mr. Orman: Guys, on the list we have for the 2012 licensed plumbers...I'm assuming you keep a list in Codes & hand it out to people who ask for it. Is that what you do?

Kim Bauso: Yes.

Mr. Orman: Would it be too difficult to make two lists? To have the Master Plumbers on one page and the Drainlayers on their own page?

Kim Bauso: Yes, sure we can do that. That's how the electricians are done. Masters, Limited, Rochester Reciprocals. They're all on their own page stapled into a packet. I can do that. I'll do that for 2013.

Mr. Siracusa: Anything else? Carl?

Mr. Castiglione: No.

Mr. Siracusa: Greg?

Mr. Gallinger: No.

Mr. Siracusa: Last month we signed two licenses. One for a Drainlayer & one for Greg right? Is Greg working off that license now.

Mr. Gallinger: No. He's going to be under me. We'll make him inactive for 2013.

Mr. Siracusa: Because we signed a license for him and we don't do that for inactive people. That's why I was wondering.

Mr. Castiglione: Certificate. The Certificate of Competency. That's not the same as his license.

Kim Bauso: Yes. It was the certificate. It just says he's competent, he passed the exam. He gets his license from the Codes Office once he comes in to pay for it.

Mr. Orman: Inactive plumbers do not have to prove their insurances, right?

Kim Bauso: No. When they go active, they have to provide everything.

Mr. Orman: I see this year's applications, for renewals it's the same as last year's. They have to list their employees.

Kim Bauso: Yes, it is the same. I think you've used them the last two years.

Mr. Bianco: I have a question for the Board myself. As far as employees go, I've got a couple of laborers that are not even apprentice plumbers, do I have to list those guys? The laborers?

Kim Bauso: They are typically written. I have a few companies who write them down on their sheets but they don't get entered in our computer & there's no additional charge for them. Our system only recognizes "JO" for journeyman or "AP" for Apprentice & they get charged for accordingly. You can list them on your sheets but they don't go in the computer and you won't be charged for them.

Mr. Siracusa: Orchard Street. The Master Plumber?

Mr. Bianco: Joe Donofrio.

Mr. Siracusa: Has he hired anybody else from the City?

M. Castiglione: He's got three guys. One guy worked for Billy, one guy worked for Steve. The other kid I don't know. When he first started the job up there, he had two of his guys from South Carolina, they're gone.

Mr. Bianco: Any of them plumbers? I know he has a couple helpers that worked for us.

Mr. Orman: Is Joe in town?

Mr. Castiglione: Oh, yeah. He's there every day.

Mr. Orman: Carl, how many hours are you working a day?

Mr. Castiglione: Four hours.

Mr. Orman: Four hours? Are you able to keep up with that? On four hours.

Mr. Casiglione: Anything over four hours I get overtime. I could get called at 3 in the afternoon & I go out. We don't want them keeping a ditch open overnight. So I get overtime.

Mr. Siracusa: Carl, did you inspect all those sewers that went in over on Elizabeth?

Mr. Castiglione: Yes I did.

Mr. Siracusa: Better tell the City to get down there and fix the road. There's one spot that's pretty bad. Gone down quite a bit.Gentlemen, is there anything else we want to discuss?

Kim Bauso: Brian wanted this discussed. [passed piece of mail to Mr. Siracusa.] Any thoughts on it?

Mr. Castiglione: I'll bring it up. Any of you guys receive something in the mail, called Home Serve?

Mr. Siracusa: water lines? I got one.

Mr. Bianco: What is this?

Mr. Siracusa: Trying to sell you insurance for water lines.

Mr. Bianco: Oh I see. I got you.

Mr. Castiglione: "for costly home improvements to water service", "line coverage for Auburn homeowners". I threw mine out. I don't know where these people are from. Says "up to six thousand dollars in covered annual repairs".

Mr. Siracusa: This isn't the first time they've sent letters out, Carl.

Kim Bauso: It does say that supposedly *they* repair it "using local and licensed contractors". That's why Brian was concerned about it. That people sign up for this and they're having work done...by who?

Mr. Castiglione: They haven't done nothing yet.

Mr. Orman: We've had some people call and ask about that. If it was legitimate or not.

[multiple informal discussions going on about the Calamar project.]

Mr. Bianco: Hey, Carl I saw in the paper a permit for Olympia Terrace for 50 bathrooms. Who's the plumber doing that job?

Mr. Castiglione: Armani. He's got his permit.

Mr. Bianco: Does he own 51%? What would it take, Kim, to look into that?

Mr. Castiglione: Yeah, we should have that.

Kim Bauso: In the archives probably.

Mr. Siracusa: Okay, gentlemen. Anything else?

[inaudible discussion amongst Board members regarding Bartolotta project on State St.]

Mr. Orman: When's the next meeting, Kim?

Kim Bauso: Next meeting is January 8th.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.