

CITY OF AUBURN PLUMBING BOARD
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014 5:00 PM, MEMORIAL CITY HALL

Present: Frank Siracusa, Greg Gallinger

Absent: Steve Bianco

Staff: Brian Hicks, Sr. Code Enforcement Officer

No quorum. Meeting notes as follows:

Frank Siracusa reviewed Bill Orman's resignation. A new board member will need to be appointed. Brian Hicks will check the Plumbing Code for procedure. Joe D'Onofrio is interested and has sent his résumé to the Mayor.

Brian Hicks stated that plumbers were working without permits. He understands the difficulty in obtaining permits when the office is only open Tuesdays and Thursdays but permits must be obtained for any work being done. Also, any company signs must be placed in the homeowner's yard, not on the right-of-way. Frank Siracusa suggested a sign in sheet for plumbers to at least list the addresses and work being done and that a permit will be obtained at a later date when the office is open.

Apparently a list of homeowners needing water line replacement was issued to licensed plumbers which in turn caused some harassment of solicitation by some plumbers. These homeowners complained to the City Manager who in turn sent a cease and desist letter to all plumbers and that they should not have had a copy of this list. Joe D'Onofrio stated that plumbers should be able to send a solicitation letter for business as long as they were not harassing anyone. Frank Siracusa stated that those complained about were too aggressive. Greg Gallinger stated that the letters held misleading information as to who could actually do the work. Frank Siracusa also stated that it was not the Plumbing Board who set any prices or caps on the amount of financing available from the City. Brian Hicks stated solicitation done in a proper manner is acceptable.

Next meeting is September 9, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

Meeting adjourned.

Recorded by Alicia McKeen