

City of Auburn Plumbing Board

Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 4:00 PM, Memorial City Hall

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

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

Joe: Old Business, Oil Separators, I did talk with the gentlemen with the Town of Sennett and they don't do anything with any of their car lots. If we move forward with this, we will be the first to do it. Next, was the fee schedule and I think we will raise our rates, permits and testing fees during the next budget year. I am going to start working with Greg and John on the revision of the master plumber exam(s). I know in our Rules and Regulation book it states the Master Plumber Exam is given every year in October. I think we should keep it that way. I just want to get this test up to date so in the future it is simple to grade.

Joe: 19-21 Grove Ave, the owner does not have the money to pay for the water/sewer work to be done.

Seth: Is this the home he lives in?

Joe: He is the homeowner but I do not know if he lives there. I'm trying to work with him to get the work done the right way. I put a stop work order on this home a month ago and I condemned the house about 2 weeks ago as he does not have any water. The house in the front got a new water line hence that's why he doesn't have water as it was a shared line. We also forced him to put a snow fence up as he had his ditch wide open. A notice was put on his door stating if the ditch isn't filled in by the 6<sup>th</sup> of September, then by the 7<sup>th</sup> Codes will be there to fill it in.

Seth: We have authority to fill in the ditch? Please make sure you get clearance from Nate (Corp Council)

Joe: Will do.

Joe: As for the homeowner's exam I still need to get that one updated as well.

Joe: I have condemned a few houses as they have no water. One of the owners to one of the homes stated they have no money to run a water line and the owner does not want to put it on taxes.

John: What happened to the property at 12 Seymour St?

Joe: Well, there has been a stop work order on that property and now no-one is working on the property.

Joe: Another house that has been condemned is 5 Madison Ave, hasn't had running water in 15 years. Did we ever get in contact with Mary St? I have not heard a peep, but no plumbing permit. I don't know how we want to respond by email or phone call. The fines will stay and if she doesn't pay them, they will go onto taxes.

Seth: I have not heard anything from Mary St. What about the fire that happened on Gaylord? We issued letters to them stating they need to separate their shared service lines. What about 1 Near Please? So, this home has a sewer that is tied into a private sewer. Everyone else on Janet St have been disconnected from this private line except 1 Near Place. It is a long run about 20k in cost and they will need to remove trees.

Joe: I talked with the homeowner, that work is honestly going to cost more than the entire house is worth. I don't know what our authority is to force them to do the work.

Seth: I know that private sewer line is working like a leach line right now. Can you produce a list of all non-compliance properties please?

Joe: I can do that. I have not gotten time to look into updating the plumbing code on the city website.

Joe: New business, A Master Plumber brought it to my attention that you can't pull an engineering permit with cash as the engineering dept does not have change. I told the plumber to pay by check or go to the treasurer's office to get change.

Joe: Letters have been sent out to all Plumbers as a reminder if you removed items to do your job make sure you put it back the way you found it.

Seth: Joe can you send out a reminder letter of what Auburn City Standards are for Restoration when you do work in the city?

Joe: I have no problem with this and I will work on a letter.

Seth: The planning dept receives federal dollars from Hud every year and the dollars go over to Homesite. The qualifications requirement can be tough but we are here to help people. I think we should sit down with Homesite and the Planning department to create a quick cheat sheet to all Plumbers so the Plumbers have another tool to use to pay for plumbing work. Just more tools where we can work through situations with people with limited income.

Joe: I know homesite is using unlicensed plumbers for their work. I would like to send them over the Master Plumber List to let them know these the Licensed Plumbers they should be using.

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

Recorded by Crystal Nevidomsky