

City of Auburn Plumbing Board

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 4:00 PM, Memorial City Hall

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

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

Seth: Old business, updating the plumbing code and updating Master Plumber Drawings.

Joe: The Plumbing Code book is all set we can remove that from the list.

Seth: Is that updated document available on the website?

Joe: I will check with Chuck to see if he can post it online. The Master Plumber Test CAD drawings have been updated and Crystal will be putting them on the Master Plumbers Exam. The test will be ready to go on the next Master Plumber Exam Date. We have a second Master Plumber Exam we will be updating as well. I will also be working on the drawings for the Homeowners exam to make sure they are up to date.

John: You said there is a second test?

Joe: Yes, if they fail the first test, we can give the second test 6 months later.

Seth: Is there anyone new interested to take the Master Plumber Exam?

Joe: No, I don't have anyone new that is interested in taking the exam.

Joe: I got a print out of all my violations I wrote out this past year in 2022, I have a total of 31 violations. A lot are landlords that do not want to obey by the city rules. I am writing complaints and violations for HVAC as well.

Joe: Tim O'Connell took the Drain Layers test last Friday and passed the test with a 96. I'm looking to certify the exam today and get the Boards approval. He has been in the business for over 30 plus years. He does hold the contract for Standard Woods.

Joe: Last thing Permit Schedule, we will need to sit down and go over our pricing as we want to come in line with other counties around us. That is it for old business.

Joe: New business, I have reports from 2021 to 2022. 2021 we had 46 HVAC permits pulled and 205 plumbing permits pulled. This past year 2022, we went up to 68 HVAC permits and 278 Plumbing Permits pulled. We had an increase of Permits pulled.

Seth: That is an increase of 30%

Joe: I sent the letter out to Mr. Rooter stating we will not decrease the fine.

Seth: Have you seen any progress with Mary St?

Joe: The Codes office stated the bill has not been paid. If they don't pay it the fine goes on taxes.

Seth: What happens if Roto Rooter doesn't pay, then what?

Joe: I will have to look in to that as I am unsure of what happens. I will discuss it with Codes and our Corp Council.

Joe: Gas lines, is there a certain price we charge for gas lines?

John: I always thought it was incorporated into your plumbing permit as NYSEG signs off on it.

Joe: Standard Woods is a private facility but are connected to our public main. They do have their own maintenance department which is why they also don't pull permits to do plumbing work.

John: So, its connected to the public water but it's not being inspected by the City?

Joe: This is an old on-going issue with them and the City. I will try to get some more information on this. Moving forward we can start sending letters to these Facilities stating all work needs to be inspected.

Seth: I think we start with the most hazardous buildings then go from there. We need to create a list and talk this over with Corp Council.

Joe: I will look into this and discuss with Corp Council.

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

Recorded by Crystal Nevidomsky