

**PLUMBING BOARD**  
**Wednesday, August 12, 2020**  
*8:00 a.m.*  
One Batavia City Centre  
Community Room

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**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes 9/18/19
- IV. Old Business?
- V. New Business:
  - Review of survey results
  - Plumbing candidate – Stephen Reddy
  - Letter of complaint – Peter Garlock
- VI. Setting of Next Meeting: December 16, 2020
- VII. Adjournment

**CITY OF BATAVIA PLUMBING BOARD**  
*Minutes*

**September 18, 2019, 8:00 a.m.**

**Public Works Conference Room  
One Batavia City Centre, Batavia, NY**

Members present: *Bill Davis, Douglas Diegelman, Al Rosemark, Matt Worth*

Members absent: William Hayes

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Rosemark called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Roll call of the members was conducted. Four members were present providing a quorum to conduct the meeting.

**III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

**MOTION:** Mr. Worth moved to approve the minutes as written; the motion was seconded by Mr. Diegelman. All voted in favor.

**RESULT: Approval of March 20, 2019 meeting minutes.**

**IV. Old Business: none**

**V. New Business: Review of Qualifications for Plumbing Exam – Jonathan Hlavaty**

Mr. Worth noted that the application had been received in June, after the cut-off date for the September exam. He reported that Mr. Ficarella performed the background check and verified that Mr. Hlavaty is licensed in the City of North Tonawanda and the City of Buffalo. Mr. Worth added that Mr. Hlavaty also runs his own plumbing business.

Based on the qualification in the City of Batavia plumbing rules which states that the candidate must be a master plumber who holds a certificate of competency which was obtained by successfully passing a written exam given by another plumbing board in another city in the state, Mr. Hlavaty meets the qualifications to take the exam in the City of Batavia.

**MOTION:** Mr. Worth moved to approve John Hlavaty to sit for the plumbing exam for the City of Batavia; the motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. All voted in favor.

**RESULT: Approval for John Hlavaty to take the plumbing exam.**

Following discussion, the board decided that at the next meeting they will consider setting up a review of plumbing materials.

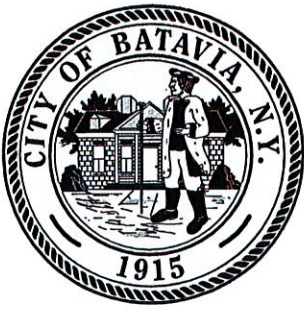
**VI. Setting of Next Meeting: December 18, 2019**

**VII. Adjournment**

Mr. Diegelman moved to adjourn; Mr. Davis seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 a.m.

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Meg Chilano  
Recording Secretary



Results

# City of Batavia

Total: 18 surveys

## Survey

The Plumbing Board has received several applications for taking the Plumbing Exam where the experience is verified by a licensed plumber, but there is not payroll documentation. These instances are often the result of a relative who has worked in a small family owned plumbing business, but not necessarily having been a documented employee.

Should the City of Batavia Plumbing Board accept a signed verification from a Licensed Plumber without documented employment records?

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Yes, the signed affirmation by the Licensed Plumber is sufficient

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No, documentation of paid employment should be required by all applicants.

Many plumbing businesses, both large and small, offer HVAC service. A review of the City of Rochester plumbing regulations allows for HVAC experience to count towards an applicant's experience in taking the plumbing exam.

Should the City of Batavia Plumbing Board consider HVAC experience towards meeting the requirements to take the plumbing exam?

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Yes, HVAC work is an acceptable form of experience to count, towards taking the plumbing exam.

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No, HVAC work should not be considered as an acceptable experience for taking the plumbing exam.

Additional Comments, Suggestions, Material Recommendations:

See attached

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## Survey

### **Additional Comments / Suggestions / Material Recommendations:**

I think that a limited amount of experience is applicable but not adequate for a plumbing test. Perhaps a limited license for HVAC work for water heaters, boilers, condensate traps, etc. would be a good solution.

HVAC work and plumbing work have become very different over the years. Many companies specialize in one or another, normally it is not both.

HVAC has nothing to do with knowing the plumbing rules and regulations, because someone who can solder a fitting is not a plumber.

Sad to see the use of PEX being introduced to the trade. It's like plumbing a building with a garden hose.

HVAC is covered in International Building Code 2015 and International Mechanical Code 2015, not International Plumbing Code 2015. I have seen major mistakes made by a heating contractor even installing a hot water heater. Keep plumbers doing plumbing.

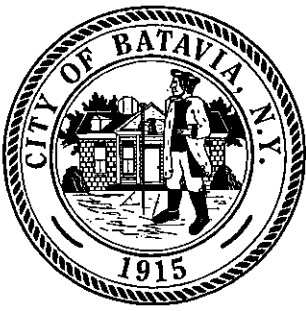
Up to one year by licensed plumber. Documented after.

HVAC and plumbing are two different trades. Just because somebody has HVAC experience does not mean they know anything about plumbing.

HVAC has nothing to do with plumbing. Allow plumbers to install building traps on sewer mains to prevent all the different deadly gasses from entering a building. When they're removed to replace a sewer, they won't let you put them back in.

Some form of proof needs to be provided.

The plumbing industry and regulations are set forth to protect the citizens. For far too long it has not been taken seriously enough. Stick to following the law and don't allow this nonsense to continue.



## *Memorandum*

**To:** City of Batavia Plumbing Board

**From:** Bill Davis, Superintendent Water and Wastewater

**Date:** June 2, 2020

**Subject:** Stephen Reddy Application

I have reviewed Mr. Reddy's credentials, he holds fifteen current Plumbing Licenses in surrounding cities and towns. I believe Mr. Reddy meets and exceeds the minimum requirements to sit for the City of Batavia Plumbing Exam.

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY FROM THE EXAMINING &  
SUPERVISING BOARD OF PLUMBERS AND PLUMBING

CITY OF BATAVIA



One Batavia City Centre  
Batavia, NY 14020  
Phone: (585) 345-6345  
Fax: (585) 345-1385

This application is part of your Examination. Answer all questions fully and carefully in ink or on typewriter. Attach additional sheets necessary in order to give complete and detailed information.

Social Security No. 057-76-1315 Citizen of U.S. ☒ yes ☐ no  
Full Name REDDY STEPHEN L  
Last Name First Name Initial  
68 SWEENEY COURT NORTH TONAWANDA NY 14120  
Street Address City State Zip Code  
Phone No. 716-998-1158 Date of Birth 3-10-54

LIST BELOW THE NAMES OF TWO (2) REPUTABLE PERSONS WHO MAY ATTEST TO YOUR CHARACTER:

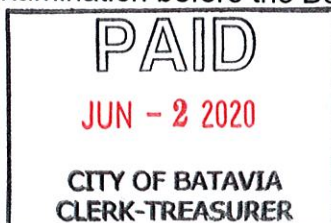
Name Address

Name Address

I have been engaged in the trade, business or calling of a plumber for the period of 45 years or I have served \_\_\_\_\_ years apprenticeship at plumbing. I believe I am competent to carry on the said trade, business calling of a plumber.

Date 5/5/20 Signature Steph Reddy

Receive from Stephen Reddy the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) as a fee for examination before the Board of Examiners of Plumber and Plumbing.



Secretary Mel Culmo

***Master Plumber Licenses***

Amherst, Town of

Buffalo, City of

Cheektowaga, Town of

Clarence, Town of

Evans, Town of

Grand Island, Town of

Hamburg, Town of

Ithica, City of

Lackawanna, City of

Lockport, City of

Niagara Falls, City of

North Tonawanda, City of

Tonawanda, City of

Tonawanda, Town of

Wheatfield, Town of

***Mechanical / Heating Licenses***

Buffalo, City of

Niagara Falls, City of

Copies attached of municipalities that provide documentation.



THE  
Board of Plumbing and Drainage Examiners  
of the  
TOWN OF AMHERST, N.Y.  
Has Examined

STEPHEN REDDY

No 644

and the Board hereby certifies that this person is competent to act as a

MASTER PLUMBER

This is to Certify that Stephen Reddy

has been duly licensed in the office of the Building Department  
of the Town of Amherst, N.Y.

Date November 21, 1986

Town Clerk

SUSAN T. SPRELLER

Board of Plumbing and  
Drainage Examiners

Thomas C. Keckman

Robert J. McQuinn

Henry T. Moore

Anthony Lanza

No. 003

# The Examining Board of Plumbers

of the

City of Buffalo

has examined

Mr. *Stephen Reddy*

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street, BUFFALO, N.Y. and the Board hereby certify that he is competent to act as

**Master Plumber**

This is to certify that

Mr. *Stephen Reddy*

Has been duly registered in the office of the Examining Board of Plumbers

Buffalo, N.Y.

*January 26, 1909*

*East Branch*

*City of Buffalo*

*Howard H. Farnoff*

*Dominic P. Marini*

Examining  
Board of  
Plumbers

*John M. Ayres* Secretary





**CITY OF BUFFALO**  
**Department of Permit & Inspection Services**

**Office of Licenses**

65 Niagara Sq. Rm. 313  
 Buffalo, NY 14202  
 (716)851-4078



**James Comerford**  
 Commissioner

**Bryan W. Brown**  
 Mayor

**PLUMBERS MASTER**

**STEPHEN REDDY**  
**NIAGARA PLUMBING INC**  
 1000 SHERIDAN BLVD  
 NORTH TONAWANDA, NY 14120

**License Number**  
**PLU11-511240**

Change in the business of Master Plumber within the City of Buffalo, in accordance with Sections 1 and 11 of Chapter 491.

In addition to the above referenced codes, 40 CFR 745 (titled "Lead-based Paint Poisoning Prevention in Certain Residential Structures"), a regulation issued and enforced by the Environmental Protection Agency, applies to certain activities in buildings that may contain lead-based paint, including renovations performed for maintenance in "target housing" and "child occupied facilities," "abatement" of lead-based paint hazards and "lead-based paint activities" (as those terms are defined in 40 CFR Part 745).

License expires 12/31/2020

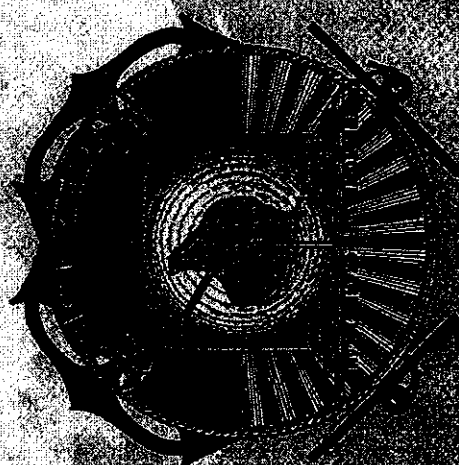
*James Comerford Jr.*

Commissioner of Permit & Inspection Services

License holder is responsible for renewal of license within 30 days of expiration date.  
**THIS LICENSE IS NON-TRANSFERRABLE**

Security 20466 contains a security pantograph, blue background, heat sensitive ink, color-reactive watermark, and microtext printing on border.





LICENSE  
M.A.S.T.E.R. PLUMBING No. 459

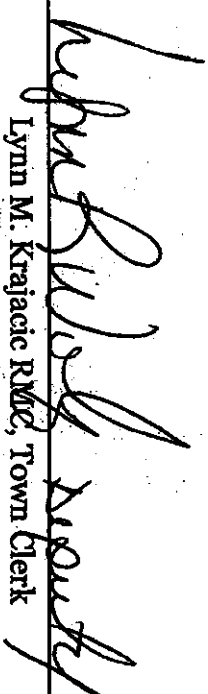
A LICENSE IS HEREBY GRANTED TO: Stephen L. Reddy  
of 11 Embury Place, Lancaster, N. Y.  
to conduct the business of installing plumbing and equipment  
in the Town of Grand Island, County of Erie, State of New York  
under business name Erieshore Plumbing, Inc. T/A Mister Rooter of BL  
pursuant to and subject to the laws of The State of New York,  
and all applicable codes,  
and rules and regulations of the Town as practiced according  
to the Board of Plumbing Examiners  
now existing or which hereafter may be adopted.  
License valid until 12/31/02  
Fee paid \$50.00

*William A. Hardy*  
Town Clerk

*Town of Evans  
Master Plumber*

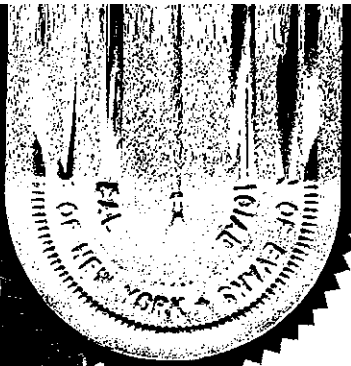
**Stephen L. Reddy**  
**D/B/A Niagara Plumbing & Mechanical Inc**  
**68 Sweeney Court**  
**North Tonawanda NY 14120**

This is to certify that **Stephen L. Reddy D/B/A Niagara Plumbing & Mechanical Inc.** having met all the requirements of the Laws and Regulations of the Building Code of the Plumbing Board of the Town of Evans is duly licensed to engage in the business of Plumbing and Drainage in the Town of Evans, Erie County, New York outside the corporate limits of the Village of Angola until December 31, 2020.

  
Lynn M. Krjaacic RMC, Town Clerk

Issued: January 22, 2020

License No. 2020 #28  
Fee: \$45.00



# TOWN OF HAMBURG

S-6100 SOUTH PARK AVENUE • HAMBURG, NEW YORK 14075 • (716) 649-6111 Ext. 210 • FAX: (716) 646-1967

Supervisor of Building Inspectors  
KURT ALLEN



BUILDING INSPECTION DEPT.

KATHLEEN DANYLUK  
Office Administrator

TRACEY HAFFNER  
Senior Clerk

RICHARD T. CONNELL  
Building Inspector

WALTER W. BRATEK  
JAMES EBERHARDT  
DON SICKAU  
Assistant Building Inspectors

Date: December 9, 1997  
To: Stephen Reddy  
From: Tracey  
Building Inspection Secretaries  
Re: Master Plumber License

You have passed the Master Plumber Exam. Please be advised that you **MUST** appear in the Building Inspection Office with the following information by January 30, 1998 or you will have to retake the exam.

1. \$50.00 License fee payable to the Town Clerk of Hamburg.
2. Insurance Certificate **WITH YOUR NAME ON IT.**
  - a) Contractors property liability \$50,000.
  - b) Contractors personal liability \$300,000.
3. An I.D. size Photo of yourself.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact me at (716) 649-6111, ext. 211.



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## Plumber's Certificate of Competency

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PLUMBERS

Lockport, N.Y. March 9 XX2004

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That STEPHEN LEONARD REDDY has submitted  
to an examination before the Examining Board of Plumbers of the City of Lockport, pur-  
suant to the General City Law, as a MASTER plumber, and has been  
found competent to follow such trade, business or calling.  
*Witness our hands the day and year above written.*

*Henry J. Apollonio*  
Secretary

*[Signature]*  
President

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## Plumber's Certificate of Registration

OFFICE OF THE EXAMINING INSPECTOR

Lockport, N.Y. March 9 XX2004

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That STEPHEN LEONARD REDDY has this day  
presented a certificate of competency as an employing or master plumber and registered  
his name and address at this office pursuant to the Code of Rules Regulating the Work  
of Plumbing and Drainage in the City of Lockport.  
*Witness my hand the day and year above written.*

*Henry J. Apollonio*  
Inspector

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# *Master Plumber's Certificate of Competency*

No. 279

*This is to Certify*

THAT

**STEPHEN REDDY**

has passed a satisfactory examination before the Examining Board of Plumbers, of the City of North Tonawanda, New York, and has been by it determined to be qualified for conducting the business as employing or master plumber in the City of North Tonawanda.

*In Witness Whereof,* the EXAMINING BOARD OF PLUMBERS, of the City Of North Tonawanda, New York, has caused this certificate to be issued, and to be signed by its President and Secretary.

Dated, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2008

  
President

  
Secretary



No. 0224

1998

# Examining Board of Plumbers TOWN OF TONAWANDA

HAS EXAMINED

Mr. STEPHEN REDDY

Address 1291 Indian Church Rd, West Seneca N.Y. 14224

and the Board hereby certifies that he is a

MASTER PLUMBER

Given in to Office this Mr. STEPHEN REDDY

has been duly registered in the office of the Building Department  
of the Town of Tonawanda, N.Y.

Kenmore, N.Y. 01/21/98

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Date 01/07/98

*Michael J. [Signature]*  
Superintendent Building Department

*Joseph J. [Signature]*  
*John A. [Signature]*  
*James J. [Signature]*

Examining Board of Plumbers

STEPHEN REDDY  
Licensed Master Plumber  
License No. 2020 - 100



*Angie McRobler*

Town Clerk

Issue Date: January 7, 2020

Expiration Date: December 31, 2020

Fee Paid: \$125

PLUMBER'S CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY

No 80

This is to Certify

THAT STEPHEN REDDY  
of the Town of Wheatfield, New York has passed a satisfactory examination before the Examining Board of Plumbers, of the Town of Wheatfield, New York, and has been by it determined to be qualified for conducting the business as employing or master plumber,

ROTO-ROOTER SERVICES CO

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

the EXAMINING BOARD OF PLUMBERS,  
of the Town of Wheatfield, New York has  
caused this certificate to be issued, and  
to be signed by its President and Secretary

Dated, this 10th day of Dec. 19 98

Alfred J. [Signature] President  
Barbara [Signature] Secretary



# J. PETER GARLOCK

67 Ellicott Avenue---Batavia, New York 14020



March 4, 2020

City Plumbing Board  
City Hall  
Main Street  
Batavia, New York 14020


To whom it may concern:

I would like to register a complaint against one of our licensed plumbers. I had hired Larry Toal to replace a faucet in my 2<sup>nd</sup> floor bathroom. The faucet is fine, however he took it upon his self to snake out the sink drain. The pipe is old and he went thru the drain pipe leaving the drain to leach out between the two walls. He is very well aware of it as I called him to come back to do the repair many many times. Finally he just refused to do the work and I was left to find someone else to do the work. I have asked him to pay me back the \$226.80 for the repair work to no avail.

Additionally, I had hired Larry to install a shower head in a bathtub in the same bathroom. I ended up with a good sized leak that ended up leaving a terrible mess in the room below. My insurance carrier paid me \$2695.00 less my \$1000.00 deductible to do those repairs, A new plumber charged me \$201.52 to repair the damage he caused. The total amounts to \$1428.32 and I again have asked Larry for reimbursement without a result.

I am hoping you can help me with this before I end up in small claims court and most likely hiring someone to collect the money.

Very truly yours,

  
J. Peter Garlock