

CITY OF BATAVIA PLUMBING BOARD

Minutes

October 18, 2017, 8:00 a.m.

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

Members present: *Douglas Diegelman, James Ficarella, William Hayes, Al Rosemark, Matt Worth*

Members absent: none

I. Call to Order

Chairman Rosemark called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Minutes from March 15, 2017 and June 12, 2017 Meetings

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

RESULT: Approval of March 15, 2017 meeting minutes.

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

RESULT: Approval of June 12, 2017 meeting minutes.

IV. Old Business

Mr. Rosemark asked for an update on the change in the administration of the plumbing exam. Mr. Worth explained that exam will still consist of the most recent International Code Council Master Plumber exam; however, instead of being administered by Prometric, the exam will be scheduled by Pearson Vue at the request of the applicant, allowing the applicant flexibility in choices of day and time. Pearson Vue has established testing centers in the western New York area, and sets the applicant up with an appointment at the nearest facility.

Mr. Rosemark asked if the applicants would now take the exam all throughout the year, and Mr. Worth answered that the board would continue to review applications twice a year and still only offer applicants the opportunity to take the exam in February and September.

Mr. Hayes asked if the board would want to consider offering a reputable plumbing contractor with an upcoming job in the City the opportunity to take the exam at any time in order to quickly facilitate licensing. Mr. Worth suggested that the plumbing board follow the example of other municipalities which he believed generally offer the exam at limited controlled times, but deferred to Mr. Diegelman and Mr. Rosemark for confirmation. Mr. Diegelman confirmed that in his experience municipalities offer the plumbing exam at specific times.

Mr. Rosemark asked if the new plumbers had picked up their signs, and Mr. Ficarella replied that one sign still remains to be picked up.

Mr. Rosemark asked if there are any issues with the materials plumbers are using. Mr. Ficarella said that he has not heard of any. Mr. Worth pointed out that the last question regarding materials concerned the shark fittings, which the board had said no to. Mr. Ficarella noted that the fittings had been approved where visible but not for behind walls.

V. New Business: Qualifications for Plumbing Exam – Ian Diegelman

According to Mr. Diegelman, for whom the applicant works as an apprentice, the applicant can be trusted to do a good job without needing constant supervision. Mr. Diegelman reported that the applicant is good with mechanicals and generates excellent ideas about how to perform difficult tasks.

Mr. Worth asked if the applicant has a sufficient number of hours and Mr. Diegelman answered that he does.

Mr. Worth asked if the applicant is licensed anywhere else and Mr. Diegelman said no.

Mr. Worth asked about payroll records. Mr. Diegelman said that the applicant served as an apprentice in exchange for his technical education.

Mr. Worth recommended checking references in the interim, and then taking action on the application at the next meeting. Mr. Ficarella said that he would take care of checking references.

Mr. Worth said that he would like to see the certificate from the applicant's educational program, and more details on the application.

Mr. Hayes asked if the other companies the applicant worked for have payroll records. Mr. Rosemark said he would like to see more plumbing documentation.

Mr. Diegelman asked if the board should take any action regarding some of the drug issues that feature prominently in the news of the day, and the possibility that plumbing contractors could encounter problems in the houses they enter, such as, what should a plumber do if he encounters substances in the drain. Mr. Worth said that he would find out from the police department if someone could come speak to the plumbing board at the next meeting to provide information and answer questions.

VI. Setting of Next Meeting: December 20, 2017

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Rosemark moved to adjourn; Mr. Hayes seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 a.m.


Meg Chilano
Recording Secretary