

Rockland County
Home Improvement Licensing Board
Thursday February 2, 2023

A meeting of the Rockland County Home Improvement Licensing Board was held on Thursday, February 2, 2023, in the Legislative Committee Room, 11 New Hempstead Road, New City, NY 10956.

Members Present:

James J. Elcik, Michael DiBella, Seth Glasser, Irene Insignares, John G. Ferguson, Joseph Caruso, Andrew Yarmus, Stephen Coyle

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Michele C. Durso, William Hartnagel, Esq., Agnes Niemczyk, Daisy Morocho, Erica Chang, Julie Ann Glazer, Maureen F. Brennan, P. Muenster, Ed Mertiri, Anthony Brigandi, Esq., Lazer Katz, Chuck Bracken, John Buonadonna, Doreen Buonadonna, Irene I, Chaim Katz, Jungho Kim, John Shin, John Shin's mother, Jose F. Garcia, Richard Orsini (on the phone), Patricia Habas, Esq. (on the phone), Andrew Torres

Meeting called to order at 3:02 PM by Chair J. Elcik.

MOTION:

By Member J. Ferguson, second by Member S. Glasser to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held January 5, 2023. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Hearing Rules and Regulations Appendix A

Electronic recording made.

Classification 35

Board discussed whether there should be an exemption for outdoor temporary/seasonal religious structures; also, whether the classification be expanded to include sheds and unattached garages. The Board requested additional time to review and research.

MOTION

By Member J. Caruso, second by Member A. Yarmus to continue Public Hearing on Rules and Regulations Appendix A Classification 35 until March regular meeting.

H-22047 J Channel Roofing & Siding Inc.

Applicant of record Chaim Katz is present to provide additional reference letters as requested by the Board during January meeting.

MOTION:

By Member M. DiBella, second by Member S. Coyle to approve application for Appendix A classification 23. All in favor.

H-3003 Richard Orsini Inc. d/b/a Green Horizons Landscape Construction

Consumer Ed Mertiri is present to discuss complaint No. 256-22 against Richard Orsini/Richard Orsini Inc. d/b/a Green Horizons Landscape Construction. Richard Orsini was present over the phone with his attorney Patricia Habas, Esq. Inspector E. Chang updated the Board on status of complaint. Due to good history with license, the Board decided it will not hold up license renewal. The Board requested that the engineer of the project, as well as permit holder for the project be present for next Board meeting.

MOTION:

By Member Chair J. Elcik, second by Member M. DiBella to adjourn matter until March regular meeting. All in favor.

Public Hearing H19271 A T Home Improvements

Electronic recording made.

Suspension/revocation of home improvement license; Open Complaint No. 393-22; Open Violation No. 22-513LC. Applicant of record Andrew Torres is present and stated to the Board that he will surrender his license. Mr. Torres is due to surrender his license to the Office of Consumer Protection by the next business day February 3, 2023, at 4pm.

MOTION:

By Member M. DiBella, second by Member S. Coyle to allow surrender of license at the Office of Consumer Protection by the next business day at 4pm. All in favor.

H-22098 Build Rite NY Inc.

Applicant of record Lazer Katz is present. Member S. Glasser updated the Board of his visit to one of Mr. Katz's job sites. The building was a new structure, and no home improvement work was observed. Member S. Glasser also advised the Board about the difference between home improvement and new built structures and how the two differ. S. Glasser stated that he cannot speak on behalf of Mr. Katz's home improvement work. The Board, by consensus, agreed to allow Mr. Katz to take a general contractor test, if one becomes available, in 6 months' time.

NEW BUSINESS

H-22301 Pin Builders Inc.

No one is present for Pin Builders Inc.

MOTION;

By Member J. Ferguson, second by Member I. Insignares to reject application. All in favor.

H-22178 MM Hardwood Inc.

No one is present for MM Hardwood Inc.

MOTION;

By Chair J. Elcik, second by Member S. Glasser, to reject application. All in favor.

H-19217 Custom Garden Landscaping Inc.

Discussion open complaint No. 281-22. Applicant of record John Buonadonna is present along with his wife Doreen Buonadonna. Consumer Maureen F. Brennan is present with Anthony Brigandi, Esq. Inspector E. Chang updated the Board on the status of the complaint. Member J. Ferguson did inspect the jobsite in question back in August of 2022. Member J. Ferguson discussed his observations and determined that the job does not look right or professional. Consumer Brennan addressed the Board on her dissatisfaction due to the incomplete work. Consumer does not feel comfortable letting Mr. Buonadonna back on her property but will consider an employee coming back to fix and finish the work. Inspector E. Chang will submit a copy of the inspector's report to Kevin Conway, Esq.'s office. The Board ,by consensus, tabled the matter until March regular meeting.

H-9288 Sun Cast Landscaping & Home Improvements, Inc.

Discussion: Open Complaint No. 323-22. Applicant of record Jose F. Garcia is present. Inspector E. Chang summarized the complaint to the Board and explained the reason Mr. Garcia was asked to come to the meeting was for failure to reply to the consumer complaint. Mr. Garcia explained his side of the story to the Board. The Board, by consensus, will permit Mr. Garcia to reschedule a hearing for his outstanding violations by the next Board meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jungho Kim is present with his nephew and sister. His nephew, Mr. Shin, addressed the Board regarding last month's Board meeting. Mr. Kim was not present, and the Board made a motion to have Mr. Kim obtain a Rockland County license. The project on his sister's house had not been completed within the two-week allowable period set by the Board. The project is on a

standby until warmer weather. The Board, by consensus, agreed that Mr. Kim should either obtain a license or do the work himself without the use of his business or business employees.

With the agenda completed in its entirety, the meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM.

The next regular scheduled Meeting will be Thursday March 2, 2023, in the Legislative Committee Room at 11 New Hempstead Road, New City, NY 10956.

Respectfully submitted,

James J. Elcik
Chairperson