

**Rockland County
Home Improvement Licensing Board
Thursday April 6, 2023**

A meeting of the Rockland County Home Improvement Licensing Board was held on Thursday, April 6, 2023, in the Legislative Committee Room, 11 New Hempstead Road, New City, NY 10956.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Michael DiBella, Joseph Caruso

Others Present:

Michele C. Durso, William Hartnagel, Esq., Agnes Niemczyk, Erica Chang, Michael DiMartino, Frank Phillips, Esq., Bart Rodi, John Buonadonna, Doreen Buonadonna, Kevin Conway, Esq.

Meeting called to order at 3:03 PM by Chair J. Elcik.

MOTION:

By Member A. Yarmus, second by Member S. Coyle to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held March 2, 2023. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

H-19217 Custom Garden Landscaping, Inc.

Open Complaint No. 281-22. Applicant of record John Buonadonna is present with Doreen Buonadonna, and retained counsel Kevin Conway, Esq. Frank Phillips, Esq. is present as retained counsel by consumer Maureen Brennan who was not present. Mr. Conway had Bart M. Rodi, P.E. inspect the consumer's premises and determined that the work performed by Custom Garden Landscaping, Inc. was adequate apart from some minor repairs/corrections and completion of several items. Mr. Phillips argued that based on the estimates received from Primo Landscape Design, L.L.C, and Edge Landscape, Inc. that all work done by Custom Garden Landscaping, Inc. would have to be redone from scratch. Mr. Conway, Esq., and Mr. Phillips, Esq. agreed to enter mediation for a solution. Mr. Conway, Esq. advised the Board that mediation may take 30 to 60 days. The Board, by consensus, agreed to table the matter until next regular meeting May 2023.

H-18297 SunPower Corporation, Systems

Discussion regarding Solar Lease Agreement. No one is present from SunPower Corporation, Systems. Chair J. Elcik addressed the Board stating that he will be meeting with SunPower Corporation, Systems to address and correct any discrepancies in lease agreement. The Board, by consensus, agreed to table matter until next regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:**H-11698 Power Home Remodeling, LLC.**

Discussion regarding open complaint No. 134-23. Michael DiMartino, representative, Power Home Remodeling, LLC present. Chair J. Elcik questioned Mr. DiMartino how estimates and work are being done in Rockland County since company is based in Chester, Pennsylvania. Paul Kowalski, a remodel consultant, is based in Edison, New Jersey. Complaint no. 134-23 included exterior remodel and was brought to the Board's attention by a building inspector regarding a price disparity between the vendor and local contractor. The local home improvement contractor estimated the work to be in price range of \$18,000.00 while Power Home Remodeling, LLC gave an estimate of \$42,000.00. Mr. DiMartino explained that the estimates are done based on a price of \$10.76 per square foot, and measurements are done with latest eagle eye technology. There is no down payment, high quality material is used, and payments are due after completion. Mr. DiMartino stated all information regarding material and payment is transparent for customers. The Board agrees that the building inspector did not have enough information in the complaint for them to act on it, and no further action is needed to be taken by the Board at this time.

H-10880 Babylon Garden Landscape Construction, Inc.

Discussion request to un-shelve license. Attorney for applicant of record Ariel A. Reyna requested an adjournment until next regular Board meeting in May 2023. Chair J. Elcik addressed the Board regarding this matter, Mr. Reyna currently owes \$20,000.00 in judgements which needs to be remedied before approval of un-shelving license. The Board, by consensus, agreed to table discussion until next regular meeting May 2023.

H-10222 Master Roofing & Siding, Inc.

Discussion of history of prior violations. No one is present for Master Roofing & Siding, Inc. Chair J. Elcik addressed the Board regarding high volume of violations since 2019, a total of 18 violations issued. Chair J. Elcik requested a complaint report as well as building permits pulled for jobsite locations in question by next regular meeting. The Board, by consensus, agreed to table discussion until next regular meeting May 2023.

Laws of Rockland County Chapter 286 Rules and Regulations Addendum

Appendix A classifications 18, 24, 31 added the word “soft wash”. Classification A6 has a new contract minimum of \$300,000.00. Rule 19 was amended in two parts. Copy of amended language was distributed to Board for review and consideration.

MOTION:

By Member I. Insignares, second by Member S. Glasser to approve change to the Laws of Rockland County Chapter 286 Rules and Regulations and Appendix A. All in favor.

With the agenda completed in its entirety, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM.

The next regular scheduled Meeting will be Thursday May 4, 2023, in the Legislative Committee Room at 11 New Hempstead Road, New City, NY 10956.

Respectfully submitted,

James J. Elcik
Chairperson