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**Rockland County Board of Plumbing, Heating, Air-Conditioning,
Refrigeration and Sheet Metal Examiners**

MEETING DATE
January 9th, 2023

Meetings Start at 5:30 pm

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting Minutes December 12, 2022

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

DISCUSSION ITEM:

- Law change discussion
- Continuing education – Scott Bishop
- Marc Sarkhat – P-22232- Presence requested regarding Mr. Sarkhat’s application.
- Marcello Russodivito from Marcello’s Ristorante of Suffern and Steven Larry Tekel P-1582- Presence requested regarding Complaint #164-22.
- Harel Plumbing and Heating Corp DBA MNZ Plumbing-P-365- Payroll Records. - Board requests Mr. Harel attend to January’s Board Meeting.

- Putnam County Plumbing and Mechanical Trades Board presence requested regarding the finding relating to reciprocity between Rockland County Mechanical licenses and Putnam County Plumbing and Mechanical Trades Board.
- Vinny Luongo- P-1005- Email thread of disagreement of the Rules and Regulations of the late fee and incomplete fee.
- Vanas Construction – Violation #22-497LC and Complaint #22-372- Requested to be present to PHC Board meeting regarding violation and complaint.
- Email thread with Hudson Technologies Company, if required to maintain a license or not in Rockland County for EPA certified reclaimer of Refrigerant gases.

OLD BUSINESS:

Department Update For Continuing Education:

- a) As of 12/12/2022, there are in total **119 of licensee holders still have not taken the course.**
- b) Out of the 119 licensee holders- **72 of those are active and 47 of those are shelved.**
- c) The Board is unable to schedule a final class during the month of December due to scheduled religious holidays. **Consumer Protection and Scott Bishop will work on a date in January TBA. Mr. Bishop has agreed to open another class in February as an emergency class and final class for the five-hour continuing education course.**

Complaints

- a) 372-22- Vanas Construction, Inc- Unlicensed- **Contractor hired to install two mains and two sanitary sewer line and one private cistern pumping system for the purpose of lawn irrigation in Rockland County. Contractor does not have Mechanical license.**
- b) 462-22- P-1063- Atlas Air Masters Air Conditioning & Heating – **Consumer had new boiler installed in 2020. Since then, new boiler has been leaking. Vender has been out nine times since October of 2020. Every part has been replaced but nothing**

has fixed the leak. As of 1/3/2023, The Vendor is setting up an appointment with the manufacturer's representative to inspect the boiler installation at the Consumer's residence.

Violations

- a) 21-48L – C & D Custom Construction – Unlicensed - **Court date set for 1/23/2023.**
- b) 21-120LC – Innovative Interior Solutions – Unlicensed - **Unlicensed solicitation of plumbing and mechanical work - \$1000 fine. As of 4/29/22, 30-day notice sent to vendor, no payment received.**
- c) 21-179L – Mr. D Handyman – Unlicensed – **Court date set for 1/31/2023.**
- d) 21-226L – C & D Custom Construction – Unlicensed – **Court date set for 1/23/2023.**
- e) 21-261L – Comfort Experts – Unlicensed – **As of 4/6/22, failed to appear in court, bench warrant issued.**
- f) 21-272L – Ortegus Construction – Unlicensed – **Court date set for 01/19/2023.**
- g) 22-59LC – Mamakating Heating and Cooling – P-1600 – **Working without a license - \$750 fine – Sent to County Attorney.**
- h) 22-99L – Rezende Construction – Unlicensed – **Court date set for 1/1/2023.**
- i) 22-193L – Will Clark, All Day Plumbing – Unlicensed- **Court date set for 9/12/22. Did not appear at court. Bench warrant issued.**
- j) 22-314- Miguel Santos Perez- Unlicensed- **Court date set 11/7/22. Failed to appear at work. Warrant Issued.**
- k) 22-437- H-1241- Fan Man- **Unlicensed solicitation of Heating and Cooling. 2nd offense. \$1,500 Violation issued.**
- l) 22-454- NYSIDI Holding, LLC- Unlicensed – **Court date 1/10/2023.**
- m) 22-471L- Z-10562- Kevin Daniel Ortiz- Hernandez – Unlicensed Plumbing- **Court date 1/11/2023.**
- n) 22-497LC- Z-10555- Vanas Construction, Inc- **At 26 West Orangeburg RD, Orangeburg, NY 10962. Unlicensed plumbing (5 counts). Violation issued 11/2/22. Penalty set at \$15,000.**
- o) 22-506LC- H-8068- Alexander Holding, LLC DBA Bath Fitter- **Performing plumbing work without a plumbing license on commercial property in Clarkstown. Violation issued on 11/10/2022. Penalty amount- \$750.00**
- p) 22-507L- Z-10582- Robert Jerzy Kabyski & Durablis- Unlicensed Plumbing- **Court date 1/20/2023.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Department Update For Continuing Education:

- a) As of 1/9/2023- **In total of 77 licensee holders that are required to take the 5 Hour Continuing Education Course by Scott Bishop.**
- b) 19 licensee holders submitted their renewal and have not submitted a copy of the 5 Hour Continuing Education Course by Scott Bishop. **16 active and 3 shelved.**
- c) **35 shelved licensee holders have not submitted their renewal application.**

Complaints:

- a) 22-488 – Z-10604- HomeServe USA Repair Management Corp.- **Company sent an unlicensed plumber to consumers home and caused possible mold and mildew from water damage the unlicensed plumber has caused. Consumer wants HomeServe to investigate the damage and repair it.**
- b) 22-491 – P-843- Climate Control Systems, Inc- **Consumer claims home is not getting enough heat and air in their home after company came to resolve the matter. Vendor has contacted Consumer Protection and will send a response and will contact consumer to resolve the complaint.**
- c) 22-498 – P-1122- Fire & Ice Heating & Cooling- **Consumer signed contract to have new A/C unit installed and paid vendor \$4,250.00 down payment. A/C unit never arrived and never installed. Consumer only received half of the down payment refund and requests that the vendor refunds the remainder \$2,000. Consumer Protection sent a notice and has made a request to the vendor to have a response in writing. Inspector CJ will follow up with Vendor next week.**
- d) 22-499 – P-1122- Fire & Ice Heating & Cooling – **Consumer signed contract to have A/C unit repaired. Vendor never finished repairment. Consumer requests that the vendor refunds the \$12,000 deposit. Consumer Protection sent notice and has made a request to the vendor to have a response in writing. Inspector CJ will follow up with Vendor next week.**

Violations:

- a) 22-547 – Z-10600- Besson Heating & Cooling – **Unlicensed advertisement on bessonhvac.com. Penalty set at \$3,000.**
- b) 22-555 – P-1699- Avir HVAC Corp- **No decal on vehicle at jobsite. Penalty set at \$250.**
- c) 22-556 – P-1699- Avir HVAC Corp- **No lettering on vehicle at jobsite. Penalty set at \$250.**
- d) 22-557 – P-1699- Avir HVAC Corp- **No work permit at jobsite. Penalty set at \$500.**
- e) 22-558 – P-905- Mr. Plumber- **Unlicensed advertisement for cooling at mrplumberny.net. Penalty set at \$1,000.**
- f) 22-560 – P-1660- On Point Plumbing & Heating Company Corp- **Liability insurance lapsed for 4 months. Penalty set at \$1,000.**

NEW APPLICANTS:

- a) Anthony Schiavone- P-22393- (Master Plumbing, Heating and Cooling)
- b) Carlos R. Solorzano Ortiz -P-22398- (Master Plumbing and Heating)
- c) Robert Frederico – P-23003- (Master Heating, Cooling, Sheet Metal and Refrigeration)
- d) Andrew Levesque – P-23004- (Master Heating and Cooling)
- e) Jphn Brehmer – P-23012- (Master Heating, Cooling, Sheet Metal and Refrigeration)

CLOSE MEETING:

NEXT MEETING:

February 14th, 2023