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

MEETING DATE
February 14th, 2023

Meetings Start at 5:30 pm

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting Minutes January 9, 2022

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

DISCUSSION ITEM:

- Law change discussion
- Continuing education – Scott Bishop
- Harel Plumbing and Heating Corp DBA MNZ Plumbing-P-365- Payroll Records. - Board requests Mr. Harel attend to February’s Board Meeting.
- Reciprocity between Rockland County Mechanical licenses and Putnam County Plumbing and Mechanical Trades Board.
- Board has requested Dan O’Gorman, Scott Bishop and Al Schimanski to attend Board meeting for possible appointment as Continuing Education Instructors for 2024 5 hour Plumbing Continuing Education Course.

- Board has requested Robert Federico to attend meeting to discuss qualifications to maintain a Master Heating license in Rockland County.
- Board has requested George Ingalls to attend PHC Board meeting regarding complaint #22-498 and #22-499.

OLD 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) 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. Vendor has solved complaint and Inspector CJ is waiting on confirmation with Vendor.**
- b) 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. Vendor reached out to consumer and consumer has been unresponsive with vendor.**
- 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. Vendor has been unresponsive with Inspector Bryant. Inspector Bryant is preparing summary for the DA's office.

- 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. Vendor has been unresponsive with Inspector Bryant. Inspector Bryant is preparing summary for the DA's office.**

Violations

- a) 21-48L – C & D Custom Construction – Unlicensed - **Court date set for 3/20/2023**
- 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 2/28/2023.**
- d) 21-226L – C & D Custom Construction – Unlicensed – **Court date set for 3/20/2023.**
- e) 21-261L – Comfort Experts – Unlicensed – **As of 4/6/22, failed to appear in court, bench warrant issued.**
- f) 21-272L – Ortega Construction – Unlicensed – **Court date set for 3/2/2023.**
- 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 2/1/2023.**
- 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. – Sent to County Attorney.**

- l) 22-471L- Z-10562- Kevin Daniel Ortiz- Hernandez – Unlicensed Plumbing- **Court date 1/11/2023. Did not appear at court. Bench warrant issued.**
- m) 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**
- n) 22-547 – Z-10600- Besson Heating & Cooling – **Unlicensed advertisement on bessonhvac.com. Penalty set at \$3,000.**
- o) 22-555 – P-1699- Avir HVAC Corp- **No decal on vehicle at jobsite. Penalty set at \$250.**
- p) 22-556 – P-1699- Avir HVAC Corp- **No lettering on vehicle at jobsite. Penalty set at \$250.**
- q) 22-557 – P-1699- Avir HVAC Corp- **No work permit at jobsite. Penalty set at \$500.**
- r) 22-558 – P-905- Mr. Plumber- **Unlicensed advertisement for cooling at mrplumberny.net. Penalty set at \$1,000.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Department Update For Continuing Education:

Complaints:

- a) 23-13 - P-1680 – Smith Cooling & Heating –
- b) 23-30 – P-19273 – Gold Medal Service, LLC – **Consumer is believed to be over charged by vendor and requests a refund.**

Violations:

- a) 23-23L – Z-10611-Prestige Air Limited Liability Corporation – **Unlicensed HVAC – Court Date 3/2/2023**
- b) 23-32LC – P-365- MNZ Plumbing DBA Harel Plumbing and Heating Corp- **Unlicensed Plumbing. Penalty set at \$3,000.**
- c) 23-39LC – P-788- A Novellino Plumbing & Heating – **(Chpt. 319-12A) Failure to respond to letters dated 12/14/22 and 1/11/23. Penalty set at \$50.**
- d) 23-44LC – P-448- A&J Installation- **Unlicensed Heating. Penalty set at \$750.**
- e) 23-60LC – P-216 – AIRCO Mechanical LLC – **Unlicensed Air Conditioning. 2nd Offense. Penalty set at \$1,500.**

NEW APPLICANTS:

CLOSE MEETING:

NEXT MEETING:

March 13th, 2023