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

MEETING DATE
March 13th, 2023

Meetings Start at 5:30 pm

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting Minutes February 14, 2023

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

DISCUSSION ITEM:

- Law change discussion – Thomas Gandolfini, Business manager of Local 373, would like to enforce changes/ revisions to local law of Rockland County Chapter 319.
- Mandatory EEO/WPV and Diversity training must be taken, Deadline 3/31/2023.
 - Virginia Norfleet
 - Thomas Pastore
 - Jay Theise
 - Carmelo Toscano
- Harel Plumbing and Heating Corp DBA MNZ Plumbing-P-365- Payroll Records. – Gad Harel Update.

- 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 George Ingalls to attend PHC Board meeting regarding complaint #22-498 and #22-499.
- Indoor Climate Systems, Inc. – P-630 – Requests for the license to be renewed without taking the 5hr Continuing Education Course, as all classes available were inconvenient for the Licensee Holder.
- Weathervane Service, Inc – P-1226- Licensee holder primary residence is in North Carolina and holds a license in Rockland County, NY.

OLD BUSINESS:

Department Update for Continuing Education:

- a) As of 2/10/2023- There are in total 58 Mechanical license holders that have not taken the 5 hour Continuing Education Course.
- b) 15 are active license holders that have not submitted their renewal application.
- c) 32 are shelved with no renewal application submitted.
- d) 10 are active license holders that have submitted the renewal application with no continuing education certificate.
- e) 1 is shelved that has submitted their renewal application with no continuing education certificate.

Complaints

- a) 22-164 – P-1582- Air Mechanical One Corp- **As of 1/9/2023, the Board by consensus agreed with Consumer that Mr. Tekel must reimburse the consumer the full amount of \$4,800.**
- 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. As of, 3/10/2023, Vendor has yet responded regarding complaint.**
- c) 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 was told via phone on 3/9/2023 and emailed to submit breakdown of pricing, including materials and labor. Inspector Bryant has given the vendor a deadline of 3/13/2023.

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 4/5/2023.**
- 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 – Ortegas Construction – Unlicensed – **Court date set for 3/16/2023.**
- g) 22-59LC – Mamakating Heating and Cooling – P-1600 – **Working without a license - \$750 fine – Sent to County Attorney.**
- h) 22-193L – Will Clark, All Day Plumbing – Unlicensed- **Court date set for 9/12/22. Did not appear at court. Bench warrant issued.**
- i) 22-314- Miguel Santos Perez- Unlicensed- **Court date set 11/7/22. Failed to appear at work. Warrant Issued.**
- j) 22-437- H-1241- Fan Man- **Unlicensed solicitation of Heating and Cooling. 2nd offense. \$1,500 Violation issued. – Sent to County Attorney.**
- k) 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**
- l) 22-547 – Z-10600- Besson Heating & Cooling – **Unlicensed advertisement on bessonhvac.com. Penalty set at \$3,000.**
- m) 22-555 – P-1699- Avir HVAC Corp- **No decal on vehicle at jobsite. Penalty set at \$250.**
- n) 22-556 – P-1699- Avir HVAC Corp- **No lettering on vehicle at jobsite. Penalty set at \$250.**

- o) 22-557 – P-1699- Avir HVAC Corp- **No work permit at jobsite. Penalty set at \$500.**
- p) 22-558 – P-905- Mr. Plumber- **Unlicensed advertisement for cooling at mrplumberny.net. Penalty set at \$1,000.**
- q) 23-23L – Z-10611-Prestige Air Limited Liability Corporation – **Unlicensed HVAC – Court Date 5/4/2023**
- r) 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.**
- s) 23-72L – Z-10623- Giselle Valerio & A&G Valerio Central Air & Heat – **Unlicensed HVAC. Court date 3/21/2023.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Complaints:

- a) 23-72 – Action Plumbing & Heating Inc. – P-680- **Consumer believes to be over charged on a waistline installment. Inspector Bryant is waiting for a response from Vendor.**

Violations:

- a) 23-73LC – Guglielmi Plumbing & Heating, Inc. – P-22262- **Unlawful use of license, Hiring an Unlicensed Subcontractor. Penalty set at \$750.**
- b) 23-85LC- American Field Services, Inc – H-12032- **Unlicensed Plumbing. Penalty set at \$1,000.**
- c) 23-99LC- Vasi’s Plumbing & Heating, Inc. – P-19068- **Failure to have decal on vehicle at jobsite. Penalty set at \$250.**
- d) 23-100LC- Vasi’s Plumbing & Heating, Inc.- P-19068- **Failure to have decal on vehicle at jobsite. Penalty set at \$250.**
- e) 23-101LC- Vasi’s Plumbing & Heating, Inc.- P-19068- **Failure to have decal on vehicle at jobsite. Penalty set at \$250.**
- f) 23-102LC- Vasi’s Plumbing & Heating, Inc.- P-19068- **Failure to have decal on vehicle at jobsite. Penalty set at \$250.**
- g) 23-103LC- Vasi’s Plumbing & Heating, Inc.- P-19068- **Failure to have decal on vehicle at jobsite. Penalty set at \$250.**
- h) 23-104LC- Vasi’s Plumbing & Heating, Inc.- P-19068- **Unlicensed heating, air-conditioning and refrigeration. Penalty set at \$3,000.**

- i) 23-112LC- McNamara Heating, Air Conditioning, HVAC, Fireplace- H-22257- **Advertising to perform Plumbing services on Facebook. Penalty set at \$1,000.**
- j) 23-116LC- VS Plumbing Technique Inc.- P-1499- **Unlicensed heating, air-conditioning and refrigeration. Penalty set at \$500.**
- k) 23-117LC- K.W. Mechanical, Inc. – P-1464- **Liability insurance lapse. Penalty set at \$1,000.**
- l) 23-122LC- Gold Medal Service, LLC- P-1071- **Conducting and operating Plumbing, heating without a license. Penalty set at \$250.**
- m) 23-123LC- Gold Medal Service, LLC- P-1071- **Conducting and operating Plumbing, heating without a license. Penalty set at \$250.**
- n) 23-137L-Randy General Construction LLC- Z10636- **Unlicensed Plumbing. Court date 3/22/2023.**
- o) 23-143LC – Superior Piping & Heating Inc.- P-1668- **No permit. Disregard of building codes for state or any municipality thereof. Penalty set at \$750.**
- p) 23-144LC- Superior Piping & Heating Inc.- P-1668- **Vehicle at jobsite are incorrectly lettered. Penalty set at \$250.**

NEW APPLICANTS:

- a) Nicholas Profita – P-21091- (Master Heating, Air-Conditioning, Sheet Metal and Refrigeration)
- b) Christian Vaught – P-23037- (Master Heating, Air-Conditioning, Sheet Metal and Refrigeration)

CLOSE MEETING:

NEXT MEETING:

April 10th, 2023