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Rockland County Board of Plumbing, Heating, Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration and Sheet Metal
Examiners
Minutes from Meeting
October 10, 2023

A Meeting of the Rockland County Board of Plumbing, Heating, Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration and Sheet Metal Examiners was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, in the Legislative Committee Room at 11 New Hempstead Road New City, NY 10956.

Members Present:

Carmelo Toscano
Patrick Conroy
Mathew Zugibe
Jay Theise
Thomas Pastore
Hon. Toney Earl

Members Absent

Virginia Norfleet
Thomas Pastore
Malcolm Lauder Jr.

Also Present:

Kimberly Von Ronn, Esq
William Hartnagel, Esq.
Al Rossi
Daisy Morocho
Adner Saint Hilaire
Freddy J. Rodriguez
Jorge Montes
Paul Anthony
Shiru Abraham
Sean Donohue
Sergio Almonte

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:29 pm by Chairman Hon. Tony Earl

ROLL CALL: By Daisy Morocho

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: By Member C. Toscano, second by Member T. Pastore to approve Minutes for Meeting held on September 11, 2023.

ACTION: All in favor, Motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Law change discussion – Thomas Gandolfini, Business manager of Local 373,

Mr. Gandolfini would like to enforce changes/ revisions to Laws of Rockland County Chapter 319. Mr. Gandolfini submitted a draft of proposal for the Board to review. Board has tabled matter for November 13th meeting.

P-1226 Weathervane Service, Inc.

Discussion the Board has requested license holder Harry Enoch to attend Board meeting. The Office of Consumer Protection received an email from Mr. Enoch attorney Douglas Solomon, Esq., stating because of the short notice Mr. Enoch and his representation cannot attend the meeting, Mr. Enoch must tend to personal matter. Director J. Elcik addressed the Board if License Holder Mr. Enoch was a local resident a five-day notice should be ample amount of time for notice. Member C. Toscano questioned how Mr. Enoch supervises the work being done in Rockland County if living out of state? Douglas Solomon, Esq., attended on behalf of Henry Enoch stating that he will provide a statement from Mr. Enoch on how he is able to supervise the work being done in Rockland County while living in South Carolina for October Meeting and review Rockland County local laws Chapter 319. That was statement was not provided for the October's meeting.

Application P-22374 Elmer Aguirre Plumbing & Heating, LLC d/b/a A.G.&L. Plumbing & Heating Services

Discussion Application Master Plumbing and Heating rejected by the Board December 12, 2022. Legislative Appeal scheduled for June 21, 2023, at 3:00PM. Member C. Toscano and Member M. Lauder Jr. attended the second part of the appeal. The third part of the appeal will be held October 11, 2023, at 3:00pm. Member T. Pastore will try to attend.

Law Change Discussion- Removing Fire Sprinklers under the Plumbing Classification

Board has tabled matter for November 13th, 2023, meeting.

Law Change Discussion – Wage Guidelines

Board Tabled Matter for November 13th, 2023, meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Plumbing 5-Hour Continuing Education Course

- As of 9/30/2023, Scott Bishop had 88 licensee holders take his class. The last class to be given is October 11th. Will receive update on the total number of sign-ups for 10/11/2023 class.
- Dan O’Gorman will be starting online classes 10/28/2023. Only be giving four classes, online only.
- Not heard from Al Shimanski regarding update and flyers to be sent out for renewal. Program Aide, Daisy Morocho, sent out an email again 10/10/2023.
- Renewals will be sent out 10/16/2023 from Consumer Protection.

Board is requesting for more classes from all three instructors. Board is requesting all three inspectors to attend November’s meeting, if difficult to reach at the Department of Consumer Protection.

NEW APPLICANTS:

- a) Jorge Montes – P-22372 – (Master Heating and Air- Conditioning)
MOTION: Moved by Member J. Theise, second by Member P. Conroy
ACTION: Approved, all-in favor.
- b) Robert N. Wilson – P-23070 – (Master Heating, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration)
MOTION: Moved by Member J. Theise, second by Member P. Conroy
ACTION: Approved, all-in favor.
- c) Freddy Jorge Rodriguez – P-23275 – (Master Plumbing and Heating)
MOTION: Moved by Member J. Theise, second by Member P. Conroy
ACTION: Approved, all-in favor.
- d) Paul Anthony – P-23298 – (Master Heating and Air- Conditioning)
MOTION: Moved by Member T. Pastore, second by Member C. Toscano
ACTION: Rejected, all-in favor.
- e) Joseph R. Saeteros Bergara – P-23311 – (Master Plumbing)
MOTION: Moved by Member J. Theise, second by Member P. Conroy
ACTION: Approved, all-in favor.

f) Abraham Klien – P-23313 – (Master Plumbing and Heating)

MOTION: Moved by Member J. Theise, second by Member P. Conroy

ACTION: Approved, all-in favor.

g) Sergio S. Almonte Adames – P-23314 – (Master Plumbing and Heating)

MOTION: Moved by Member J. Theise, second by Member P. Conroy

ACTION: Approved, all-in favor.

h) Sean P. Donohue – P-23315 – (Master Plumbing and Heating)

MOTION: Moved by Member J. Theise, second by Member P. Conroy

ACTION: Approved, all-in favor.

i) Marco L. Ojeda – P-23312 – (Master Plumbing)

MOTION: Moved by Member J. Theise, second by Member P. Conroy

ACTION: Approved, all-in favor.

j) Justin Goldsmith – P-23276 – (Master Plumbing)

MOTION: Moved by Member J. Theise, second by Member P. Conroy

ACTION: Approved, all-in favor.

k) Adner Saint – Hilaire – P-23335 – (Master Heating and Air-Conditioning)

MOTION: Moved by Member T. Pastore, second by Member C. Toscano

ACTION: Rejected, all-in favor.

CLOSE MEETING:

With the agenda completed in its entirety the Meeting adjourned at 6:48PM.

NEXT MEETING: **Monday November 13, 2023, at 5:30 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Daisy Morocho

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Program Aide

Violations

- 1) 21-48L – C & D Custom Construction – Unlicensed - **Court date set for 10/16/2023.**
- 2) 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.**
- 3) 21-226L – C & D Custom Construction – Unlicensed – **Court date set for 10/16/2023.**
- 4) 21-261L – Comfort Experts – Unlicensed – **10/25/2023**
- 5) 21-272L – Ortegaz Construction – Unlicensed – **Court date set for 10/19/2023.**
- 6) 22-59LC – Mamakating Heating and Cooling – P-1600 – **Working without a license - \$750 fine – Sent to County Attorney.**
- 7) 22-193L – Will Clark, All Day Plumbing – Unlicensed- **Court date set for 9/12/22. Did not appear at court. Bench warrant issued**
- 8) 22-437- H-1241- Fan Man- **Unlicensed solicitation of Heating and Cooling. 2nd offense. \$1,500 Violation issued. – Sent to County Attorney. Home Improvement license expired 4/30/2023.**
- 9) 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**
- 10) 22-547 – Z-10600- Besson Heating & Cooling – **Unlicensed advertisement on bessonhvac.com. Penalty set at \$3,000.**
- 11) 22-555 – P-1699- Avir HVAC Corp-H-C-R-SM- **No decal on vehicle at jobsite. Penalty set at \$250.**
- 12) 22-556 – P-1699- Avir HVAC Corp-H-C-R-SM- **No lettering on vehicle at jobsite. Penalty set at \$250.**
- 13) 22-557 – P-1699- Avir HVAC Corp-H-C-R-SM- **No work permit at jobsite. Penalty set at \$500.**
- 14) 23-39LC – P-788- A Novellino Plumbing & Heating -P-H– **(Chpt. 319-12A) Failure to respond to letters dated 12/14/22 and 1/11/23. Penalty set at \$50.**

MOTION: Board by consensus suspended penalty. Moved by Member P. Conroy, second by Member T. Pastore

ACTION: Approved, all-in favor.

- 15) 23-73LC – Guglielmi Plumbing & Heating, Inc. – P-22262-P- **Unlawful use of license, Hiring an Unlicensed Subcontractor. Penalty set at \$750.**
- 16) 23-101LC- Vasi’s Plumbing & Heating, Inc.- P-19068-P- **Failure to have decal on vehicle at jobsite. Penalty set at \$250.**
- 17) 23-103LC- Vasi’s Plumbing & Heating, Inc.- P-19068-P- **Failure to have decal on vehicle at jobsite. Penalty set at \$250.**
- 18) 23-104LC- Vasi’s Plumbing & Heating, Inc.- P-19068-P- **Unlicensed heating, air-conditioning and refrigeration. Penalty set at \$3,000.**
- 19) 23-112LC- McNamara Heating, Air Conditioning, HVAC, Fireplace- H-22257- **Advertising to perform Plumbing services on Facebook. Penalty set at \$1,000.**
- 20) 23-143LC – Superior Piping & Heating Inc.- P-1668-P-H- **No permit. Disregard of building codes for state or any municipality thereof. Penalty set at \$750.**
- 21) 23-144LC- Superior Piping & Heating Inc.- P-1668-P-H- **Vehicle at jobsite are incorrectly lettered. Penalty set at \$250.**
- 22) 23-157LC- Mediastreme LLC DBA Mediastreme Constuction – H-22159- **Unlicensed Plumbing. Penalty set at \$750. Sent to County Attorney for collection.**
- 23) 23-204LC – Gutierrez Brothers HVAC LLC- Z-10653- **Unlicensed Solicitation for**
- 24) 23-254L- A1 Plumbing & Heating Corp – P-344- **Unlicensed Plumbing and Heating– Court Date 6/27/2023.**
- 25) 23-286L – Air Tech Heating & Cooling – Z-10691 **Unlicensed Air Conditioning – Court date 6/08/2023.**
- 26) 23-351L – Amex Refrigeration Inc & Jose Cano-Lopez– Z-10717- **Unlicensed Refrigeration – Court Date 11/1/2023**
- 27) 23-353L – PLS Mechanical, Inc. – Z-10716 – **Unlicensed Air-Conditioning – Court date 10/25/2023. Penalty set at \$750.**
- 28) 23-364LC – One70 Group DBA CFSC Maintenance, LLC – H-19268 – **Working without a Rockland County Air-Conditioning license. 2nd Offense. Penalty set at \$1,500.**

- 29) 23-370LC – Joe Cool’s Heating and Air Conditioning & All-American Cooling LLC – P-1578- **Failure to respond to letter dated 6/01/2023. Penalty set at \$750.00.**
- 30) 23-409L – Fire & Ice Heating & Cooling – P-1122 – **Unlicensed Plumbing and Heating – Court date 10/17/2023.**
- 31) 23-448L – F.D.C. Contracting Company, Inc. – Z- 10759 – **Unlicensed Plumbing – Court date 10/17/2023.**
- 32) 23-493L – Keep It Cool, Inc. – P-20275 – **Unlicensed Air-Conditioning – Court date 11/14/2023.**
- 33) 23-515LC – Marchese Mechanical LLC – P-963 – **Failure to have vehicle registered with Consumer Protection and have a decal on rear side of the vehicle on a jobsite. Penalty set at \$250.**
- 34) 23-516LC – Marchese Mechanical LLC – P-963 – **Failure to have a permit at jobsite. Penalty set at \$750.**