

CITY OF OSWEGO
PLUMBING LICENSING BOARD

December 15, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Culeton, Kevin Jung, Eric Saunders, Jeffrey Hinderliter, and Mayor, William J. Barlow, Jr.

Mr. Hinderliter called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday December 15, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

January 2021 Exam Applicants/Approvals

The application submittal deadline of December 14, 2020 has passed for the January 2021 Plumbing Examination. Prior to the deadline, there were three (3) additional applications received for the Residential Plumber's Examination. One applicant will need to provide additional information before the Board will agree to their eligibility to take the examination. **Mr. Hinderliter will reach out to this individual.** Aside from this applicant, the Board received seven (7) applications; two (2) for the residential and five (5) for the master's.

There was discussion on the Journeyman Plumber and the description of.
Mr. Hinderliter will review.

Mayor Barlow asked if the same requirements for individuals requesting permits apply to exam applicants pursuant to §126-6(F) of the City of Oswego Charter which states:

"No such permit shall be granted to or renewed for an applicant who is in violation of any City of Oswego code, ordinance or local law (hereinafter "violations") or who owes property taxes, water or sewer fees, special assessments, fines for violations of City ordinances or any other fees or past due monies of any name or nature owed to the City of Oswego..."

Mr. Hinderliter stated that it currently does not but can be part of a future revision.

Mrs. Archer and Mr. Hinderliter will be notifying eligible applicants.

Mr. Hinderliter said that he has spoken with the Mayor regarding the examination format and drawings. The Mayor agreed that a drawing is appropriate. It measures an applicant's knowledge. **Mr. Saunders had reached out to another municipality and will be providing further information to the Board.** He spoke further about situations in the past regarding the way the tests had been designed and graded.

There was discussion on permitting in the different municipalities. Mr. Hinderliter indicated that Mayor Barlow and the City Attorney have been working on the violation language for the next code update in order to enforce.

Mr. Hinderliter opened the floor to any discussion/questions for Mayor Barlow. Mr. Culeton asked whether the Plumbing Inspector position would be reinstated. Mayor Barlow said that it would not be. Mayor Barlow referred to the City Charter stating that if you were to look at the Plumbing Code & Job Specification for the Plumbing Inspector, the other two documents cover everything in the Plumbing Inspector's job specification. By Charter, Mr. Hinderliter oversees anything sewer related as far as infrastructure goes. Mr. Culeton disagreed. He said that he is specifically speaking to the backflow. He doesn't disagree that Mr. Hinderliter oversees the pipes going into the residence. Mr. Hinderliter said that the Department of Health requires the Engineer of the public water supply to sign off on the backflow preventer and you must be a PE to do that. If he must sign off, he wants to see it.

Mr. Culeton referred to Article IV, §48 of New York State, stating that a Certificate of Competency is required. **Mr. Hinderliter will reach out to the City Attorney for interpretation.** Mayor Barlow spoke of Certificate of Occupancies being signed off by Code Enforcement and if someone needs to follow that it will be Mr. Hinderliter or his designee. The permitting process will go through Jeff McGann and he will delegate the inspections.

Mr. Culeton discussed water and utilities for Building Permits. Understands that DPW will be doing the taps. Wanted to know what will need to be included with the drawings. **Mr. Hinderliter said that a letter will be sent to the Plumbers explaining the process and rules.**

There was further discussion on the examination and requirements. The Mayor said that he wants a fair test process.

NEXT MEETING:

December 22, 2020 at 2:00 PM, Mayor's Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT:

3:30 PM