

MINUTES
OMAHA PLUMBING BOARD
Regular Meeting – Wednesday, January 22, 2014
1:30 pm – City/County Building – 1819 Farnam Street
Jesse Lowe Conference Room – Third Floor

I. Roll Call

Members Present:

Brian A. Barrett
Jeff O. Estabrook, Vice-Chairman
Brian Feyerherm
David W. Miller, Chairman
Christopher P. Reed
Terry Salem
Amy L. Schaap

Members Absent:

Others Present: James Wonder, City of Omaha Planning Department
Mike Connor, Douglas County Health Department

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2014

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Second by Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap

ABSTAIN: Reed

Motion carried 6-0-1

III. *CASES

14-1-5 *Held over from 1/08/14*

John Muller
2042 N 70 Ave
Omaha NE 68104

REQUEST Waiver to allow additional time to complete
2013 continuing education requirements

49-215

Mr. John Muller appeared before the Board requesting additional time to complete his 2013 continuing education hours. He is short 4 hours towards his journeyman license. The code states there is a penalty of 4 hours; therefore, he will need to make up 8 hours for 2013. Discussion included the date of make-up to be concluded by 7/1/2014. This will leave the second half of the year to get his 8 hours of continuing education for 2014 that will be due also.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to grant Mr. Muller extended time to 7/01/2014 to make up 8 continuing education hours for 2013. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 7-0.

14-1-7 *Held over from 1/08/14*

Carlson West Povondra Architects
5060 Dodge St
Omaha NE 68132

REQUEST Waiver as regards water coolers & fixture
clearance dimensions

Location: 13025 W Dodge Rd
49-636 & 637

Mr. Reed stated his client asked to withdraw this waiver request.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to file case 14-1-7. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 7-0.

14-1-13

Mike Zellers
Dustin Nihsen
Millard Sprinkler
13235 Chandler Rd
Omaha NE 68138

REQUEST Renewal of approval of provider
Renewal of instructors
Renewal of CEU classes

49-215

Mr. Mike Zellers appeared before the Board requesting approval of renewal of continuing education provider, instructors, and classes. Millard Sprinkler has been an approved provider in the past.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Millard Sprinkler as a continuing education provider for 2014. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 7-0.

Millard Sprinkler is requesting renewal of Bob Jedlicka, Bruce Morgan, Dustin Nihsen, Kurt Hoge, and Greg Tech as approved continuing education instructors.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve renewal of Bob Jedlicka, Bruce Morgan, Dustin Nihsen, Kurt Hoge, and Greg Tech as continuing education instructors for the same topics that they were approved for last year. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap. Motion carried 7-0.

Millard Sprinkler is requesting renewal of their continuing education classes. They are requesting four credit hours for lawn sprinkler contractors. The first class will be on 2/27/14 at Millard Sprinkler's main office location.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve proposed continuing education class for four hours for lawn sprinkler contractors. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 7-0.

14-1-14

Mark Sanford
1306 N 162 St
Omaha NE 68118

REQUEST Waiver as regards number of restrooms

Location: 9580 Ida St
49-631

Mr. Mark Sanford and Mr. Ben Norrd presented before the Board requesting waiver as regards number of restrooms. The owner, Mr. Ben Harris, is building two new buildings. One is an office with two restrooms, and one is a maintenance building. He would like to waive the requirement for two restrooms in the maintenance building. The buildings are 25' apart. Two female employees work in the office building where there will be one men's and one women's restrooms. Discussion included square footage, number of employees, possibility of building changing occupancy in the future, and new versus existing construction. A hardship was not seen.

Motion by Mr. Salem to deny this waiver. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem.

NAYS: Reed, Schaap

Motion carried 5-2 Waiver denied.

14-1-15

Yubaraj Pokharel
7812 N 152 Ave
Bennington NE 68007-1515

REQUEST Waiver of indirect waste

Location: 18020 Burt St
49-1001

Mr. Pokharel and his brother presented before the Board requesting a waiver of indirect waste. They own a small coffee shop, (CSG International) serving 15-20 cups per day. They only serve coffee for a few hours in the morning; no food. The owner of the building will not let them drill a hole into the new granite countertop. The Board cannot approve this waiver but did tell Mr. Pokharel he could just switch out his tray on the machine using one without a drain hole or modify his existing tray so it doesn't drain and get rid of the piping going over to the sink.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to deny the indirect waste waiver. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 7-0 Waiver denied.

14-1-16

Ward Doering
4739 S 96 St
Omaha NE 68127

REQUEST Waiver for use of unisex restroom and drinking fountain

Location: 4868 S 96 St
49-631 & 636

Mr. Ward Doering presented before the Board requesting waivers for unisex restroom and drinking fountain. He will have a water cooler in the office. Discussion included size of space and number of employees. This is an empty bay currently. Total space is 1900 sq feet. He is actually using about 1300 sq feet. Mr. Doering would prefer not downsizing his office by a foot and a half for another restroom.

Motion was made by Mr. Reed to waive the drinking fountain requirement. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Feyerherm, Reed, Salem, Schaap

NAYES: Estabrook, Miller

Motion carried 5-2

Mr. Salem made a motion to deny waiver for unisex restroom. Second by Mr. Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem

NAYES: Reed, Schaap

Motion carried 5-2. Waiver denied.

14-1-17

Russell Martin
3504 N 58 St
Omaha NE 68104

REQUEST Waiver for use of unisex restrooms

Location: 6112 Military Ave
49-631

Mr. Russell Martin and Mr. Kelly Peters appeared before the Board requesting waiver for unisex restroom. The hardship is: lack of space, age of the building, and construction style. This will be a retail wine store, no liquor, no beer. The store will have two employees and possibly two guests if there is a special presentation.

Mr. Reed made a motion to allow the waiver for a unisex restroom installed at this location with the stipulations that the space be used for sale of wine and winetasting only; no food will be served; and also that the restroom will have to meet ADA accessibility requirements. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

ABSTAIN: Estabrook

Motion carried 6-0-1.

14-1-18 *Hold over to 2/12/14*

Paul Childers

Childers Custom Homes Inc

13110 N 144 PA CR

Bennington NE 68007

REQUEST Waiver as regards materials for water service

Location: 6339 Northern Hills Dr
49-713

Mr. Paul Childers and Mr. Doug Kracht presented before the Board requesting waiver for materials for water service. This property is hooked up to NRD water line at the road. Using copper would be very expensive. Discussion included the Plumbing Code which states that material must meet MUD standards even if it is not MUD water. The plastic is Crestline HD160. Specifications on the piping is unclear. The Board is requesting more information including: static and residual pressure, the rise, drawing of how the water line runs, etc.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to hold case 14-1-18 over to the next meeting 2/12/14. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 7-0.

14-1-19

Robert Newton

PO Box 8663

Omaha NE 68108

REQUEST Waiver to allow additional time to complete
2013 continuing education requirements

49-215

Mr. Robert Newton presented before the Board requesting additional time to complete his 2013 continuing education hours for his journeyman and master plumbing licenses. He is short four hours. There is a four-hour penalty, so he will need to make up eight hours by 7/01/14; then will need his eight hours for 2014 by 12/31/14.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to grant Mr. Newton an extension until 7/01/2014 to finish his four hours plus the four-hour penalty which makes a total of eight hours before 7/01/2014. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap. Motion carried 7-0.

14-1-20
Joe Johnson
8304 N 252 St
Valley NE 68064

REQUEST Waiver to allow additional time to complete
2013 continuing education requirements

49-215

Mr. Joe Johnson presented before the Board requesting additional time to complete his 2013 continuing education hours for his journeyman plumbing license. He is short eight hours. There is a four-hour penalty, so he will need to make up twelve hours by 7/01/14; then will need to get his eight hours for 2014 by 12/31/14.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to grant Mr. Johnson an extension until 7/01/2014 to finish his eight hours plus the four-hour penalty which makes a total of twelve hours before 7/01/2014. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 7-0.

IV. Master Plumber Examination Applications

Matthew Christopherson
4866 S 167 Avenue Circle
Omaha NE 68135

Carmody Plumbing
PO Box 12473
8504 N 29 St
Omaha NE 68112

Mr. Christopherson appeared before the Board. Mr. Miller reviewed the file and commented that all appeared to be in order with the application.

Motion to approve by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 7-0.

Justin Gray
4914 Spring St
Council Bluffs IA 51503

McIntosh Plumbing
122 Brentwood Hts
Council Bluffs IA 51503

Mr. Gray appeared before the Board. Mr. Miller reviewed the file and commented that all appeared to be in order with the application.

Motion to approve by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 7-0.

Christopher J Griffith
3011 S 9 St
Omaha NE 68108

Morehead Plumbing Inc
2145 Ashwood Ave
Papillion NE 68133

Mr. Griffith appeared before the Board. Mr. Miller reviewed the file and commented that all appeared to be in order with the application.

Motion to approve by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 7-0.

Justin R Lehan
20945 Oak St
Gretna NE 68028

Gregurich Plumbing
230 N West St
Valley NE 68064

Mr. Lehan appeared before the Board. Mr. Miller reviewed the file and commented that all appeared to be in order with the application.

Motion to approve by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 7-0.

Shawn R Sharkey
17810 Lillian St
Omaha NE 68136

Gregurich Plumbing
230 N West St
Valley NE 68064

Mr. Sharkey appeared before the Board. Mr. Miller reviewed the file and commented that all appeared to be in order with the application.

Motion to approve by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 7-0.

Matt Simet
4424 Florence Bd
Omaha NE 68110

Simet Plumbing
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Omaha NE 68110

Mr. Matt Simet took the Journeyman examination in November of 2009 and passed it. However, he did not get the license issued until February 25, 2010. Therefore, he is ineligible to take the Master examination until May of 2014. His fee will be rolled over to the May test date.

Motion to deny by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 7-0. He is denied.

V.*Journeyman Plumber Examination Applications

Craig Phephles
1503 Independence Lane #12
Bellevue NE 68123

Precise Plumbing
13109 144th st
Louisville NE 68037

Mr. Phephles appeared before the Board requesting to take the Journeyman Plumber examination. Mr. Miller reviewed the file and commented that the Board needs verification from Metro Community College regarding his completed hours in the Apprenticeship Program.

Motion to approve Mr. Phephles application to take the Journeyman examination by Mr. Estabrook with the stipulation that he provide Metro's completed Apprentice Program hours . Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 7-0.

VI.*Lawn Sprinkler Contractor Examination Applications

John P. Horton
3262 S 128 Circle
Omaha NE 68144

Grass Roots Inc
3206 S 126 Ave
Omaha NE 68144

Mr. Horton appeared before the Board requesting to take the Lawn Sprinkler Contractor examination. Mr. Miller reviewed the file and commented that all appeared to be in order with the application.

Motion to approve Mr. Horton to take the Lawn Sprinkler Contractor examination by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 7-0.

Clifton Poling
2205 N 88th St
Omaha NE 68134

Best Lawns Inc
2205 N 88 St
Omaha NE 68134

Mr. Clifton Poling appeared before the Board for approval to take the Lawn Sprinkler Contractor examination back on October 23, 2013. Mr. Pohling was approved back then but had to reschedule his testing date from November of 2013 to February of 2014.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve Mr. Clifton Poling to take the Lawn Sprinkler Contractor examination pending review of his file to make sure his work records are in line. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 7-0.

VII. Sewer Layer Examinations (23)

Philip M Abraham
Adam Carlson
Gannon Cunard
Matthew Davis
Kaleb Drewes
Jeffrey Flynn
Edward K Frickie Jr
Larry L Hastie
Gary Honeyman
Jacob N Johnson
Nicholas R Lanning
Dwayne S Marco

GRN Companies
Heimes Corp
Nebraska Plumbing & Sewer
Valley Corp
Valley Corp
Valley Corp
Becker Trenching
Eyman Plumbing
Graham Construction
Eyman Plumbing
Valley Corp
Becker Trenching

Robert R Marco	Becker Trenching
Trever J Marco	Becker Trenching
Ryan S Metcalf	Henton Trenching Inc
Matthew M Miskowiec	Graham Construction
Larry D Protasky Jr	Eyman Plumbing
Tommy Schwartz	Graham Construction
Payton E Solano	Graham Construction
Christopher P Stuckey	Valley Corp
Brandon L West	Valley Corp
Michael J Willcoxon	Heimes Corp
Justin C Zeleny	Becker Trenching

Motion to approve the total 23 Sewer Layer applications for examination by Mr. Reed. Second by Amy Schaap..

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried: 7-0.

VIII. Approval of Apprenticeship Renewals (29)

Hugh J Bassett	Wiese Plumbing	Completed
Justin Begg	Dave Janke Plumbing	ABC
Brandon Behney	Dave Janke Plumbing	Completed
Lucas Benes	Dave Janke Plumbing	ABC
Brandon B Blacketer	Gregurich Plumbing	ABC
Oswaldo Cortes	Grunwald Mechanical	
Donald Courter	Dave Janke Plumbing	ABC
Zach Durham	A Raymond Plumbing	Completed
John Eggleston	Tony Leonardo Plumbing	ABC
Phillip Evans	Backlund Plumbing	Metro
Andrew Evers	J&R Mechanical	Local 16
Patrick Gobel	M&K Plumbing	Completed
Ethan Graham	Dave Janke Plumbing	Metro
Robert Grebe	Dave Janke Plumbing	Completed
Matt Hansen	Dave Janke Plumbing	Completed
Clint Hansen	Dave Janke Plumbing	Completed
Alfredo Hernandez Jr	Backlund Plumbing	Metro
Casey Jahns	Backlund Plumbing	Metro
Craig P Klaus	Dave Janke Plumbing	Metro
Daniel Klusaw	Grunwald Mechanical	Local 16
Patrick Lang	Integrity Plumbing	Completed
Jared T Linhart	The Waldinger Corp	Local 16
Joseph Long	A Raymond Plumbing	Metro
Paul May	The Waldinger Corp	Local 16
Stephen McConnell	Thompson Plumbing	Local 16
Shaun McWilliams	Ray Martin Company	Local 16
Benjamin Morgan	Plumbers Local 16	Local 16
Thomas Rosman	Northern Plumbing	Completed
Joseph L Velez Sr	Tritz Plumbing	Local 16

Motion to approve the total 29 Apprenticeship renewals for 2014 by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap.
Motion carried: 7-0.

DISCUSSION:

Rough draft for the Board to review possibly next meeting.

Introductions of new Plumbing Board Secretary, Jackie Hembry, and Douglas County Health Department Nonvoting Member, Mike Connor.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Estabrook at 2:55 pm. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 7-0.

*** = APPLICANT MUST BE PRESENT AT MEETING**

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