MINUTES
OMAHA PLUMBING BOARD
Regular Meeting – Wednesday, June 9th, 2010
1:30 pm – City/County Building – 1819 Farnam Street
Jesse Lowe Conference Room – Third Floor

I. Roll Call

Members Present:
Jeff O. Estabrook
George E. Killian
Patrick B. Leddy, Vice-Chairman
Cataldo A. Leo
David W. Miller, Chairman
Christopher P. Reed (arrived @ 1:40 pm)
Daniel J. Wellendorf

Members Absent:

Others Present: Jim Wonder, Planning Department

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Leddy to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Second by Mr. Leo.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian Leddy, Leo, Miller, Wellendorf

Motion carried 6-0

III. *Cases

10-6-67
David Malloy
Malloy Plumbing
8802 Military Road
Omaha NE 68134

REQUEST: Request to allow additional time to complete 2009 continuing education requirements.

49-215

David Malloy Sr appeared before the Board with a request for additional time to complete his 2009 continuing education requirements. Mr. Malloy stated that his hours had been confused with that of his son, David Malloy Jr. Mr. Malloy stated that he attended a continuing education class last week; he requested that the four hours from this class be credited towards his 2009 deficit once the sign in sheet has been received by the Planning Department.

Motion by Mr. Leo to move four hours of continuing education from 2010 to cover 2009 deficit. Second by Mr. Leddy.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Wellendorf

Motion carried 6-0
REQUEST: Waiver to allow the installation of a private well.

Location: 6805 Pine Street
49-215

Craig Johnson with Alvine Engineering appeared before the board to request a waiver to allow the installation of a private well at the Scott Technology Center. Mr. Johnson explained that the well would be used as a back up for a cooling tower located near the Scott Technology Center currently under construction at 6805 Pine Street.

MUD and the Douglas County Health Department raised no objection. Mr. Wonder stated that the Plumbing Division had no objection, provided that there was containment between the well water and the building.

Motion by Mr. Wellendorf to approve waiver for use as make-up water for cooling tower only; with the stipulation that a master backflow preventer must be installed. This water is not for potable use. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0

REQUEST: Waiver of section 49-914, Subsoil Drains

Location: 14111 Pacific St
49-914

Lance Jordan appeared before the Board. Mr. Jordan explained that he had been contracted to install a subsoil drain system for a dentist’s office located in a house at 14111 Pacific Street. Mr. Jordan stated that he has installed the Aqua Drain system in numerous residential contracts, and was not aware of regulations regarding commercial applications. He is now aware of these regulations and permitting requirements, and asked the Board to allow the system, which has already been installed, to remain in place. Mr. Jordan submitted plans of the building and information regarding the Aqua Drain Product for the Board’s review.

Mr. Wonder stated that the Plumbing Division has charged Mr. Jordan the appropriate quad fees for working without a permit, and stated that the Plumbing Division had no objection to this waiver. Mr. Killian asked what the basement was being used for. Mr. Jordan replied that the basement is used for storage.

Motion to approve by Mr. Reed. Second by Mr. Leo

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0
Scott Holtmeyer appeared before the Board. Mr. Wonder stated that the section 49-504 of the Omaha Plumbing Code states that you cannot drill and tap plastic piping. However, in swimming pool applications, Mr. Wonder learned that there are a number of fittings which are currently being installed after the City of Omaha has performed its inspection.

Mr. Holtmeyer brought a chemical injector fitting and a flow meter for the Board to view. Mr. Holtmeyer stated that the installation of these (and additional) devices are mandated by the State of Nebraska, and are necessary in order to ensure that the pool system is running efficiently. Mr. Holtmeyer explained the use of both of the fittings, and submitted photos of a pool system that he recently installed, showing the fittings installed into the system. Mr. Holtmeyer concluded by stating that he has been contracted to install a chemical injection system and automatic controller at Diventures swimming pool at 2424 South 120th Street. He asked that the Board allow this system to remain in place.

The Board discussed various alternatives to tapping the wall of plastic piping, including tapping fixtures into the joint rather than the pipe wall. Mr. Wonder stated that the Omaha Plumbing Code’s current language regarding the prohibition to tap plastic piping is meant to prevent failure of the pipe. However, after researching this problem, Mr. Wonder stated that in swimming pool applications, he could see the need to be able to tap plastic piping. Mr. Reed and Mr. Miller commented that there seems to be an industry standard and a logical explanation for this practice.

Motion to approve requested waiver for this location only by Mr. Wellendorf. Second by Mr. Reed.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0

Barney Whatley
Nebraska Rural Water Association
3390 Ponderosa St
Wahoo NE 68066

REQUEST:  Approval of Provider

REQUEST:  Approval of Instructor

REQUEST:  Approval of CEU Class

The Board Secretary received a request from Mr. Whatley that this case be held over to the June 23 meeting of the Board.

Motion to hold this case over to the June 23 meeting of the Board by Mr. Leddy. Second by Mr. Leo.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0
IV. Discussion

The Board discussed the upcoming 2009 Continuing Education Make-up Class that will take place on June 22, 2010. Mr. Wonder stated that some of the people who have registered for the four hour session would like to be able to take the eight hour session and receive credit towards their 2008 or 2010 requirements.

After some discussion, Mr. Wellendorf made a motion stipulating that any person required to attend the 4 hour session of the 2009 make-up class may choose to take an additional 4 hour session; these additional 4 hours will be applied to their 2010 continuing education requirements. Any person who is missing continuing education hours for years prior to 2009 must apply to the Board and request that the additional hours be moved from 2010 to the year in which they are delinquent. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Estabroook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Reed, Wellendorf
NAYS: Miller
Motion carried 7-0

V. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Wellendorf. Second by Mr. Killian

AYES: Estabroook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:21 PM.

* = APPLICANT MUST BE PRESENT AT MEETING

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Applications for the meeting to be held at 1:30pm on Wednesday, July 14th, 2010 are due no later than 9:00am on Thursday, June 24th, 2010.

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