I. Roll Call

Members Present:
Brian A Barrett
Jeff O. Estabrook, Vice-Chairman
David W. Miller, Chairman
Christopher P. Reed
Daniel J. Wellendorf

Members Absent:
George E. Killian
Terry Salem

Others Present: James Wonder, City of Omaha Planning Department
Dr. Adi Pour, Douglas County Health Department

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

II. Approval of Minutes from July 27th, 2011

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

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 5-0-2.

III. *Approval of apprenticeship program

11-8-72
Morehead Plumbing Inc
2145 Ashwood Avenue
Papillion NE 68133

REQUEST: Renewal of approval of apprenticeship program.

49-244

Mike Morehead with Morehead Plumbing Inc appeared before the Board to request renewal of approval of apprenticeship program. Mr. Miller reviewed the submitted ratio sheet and stated that all appeared to be in order with the application.

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

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 5-0-2
James C. Miller and Mike Morehead appeared before the Board for James C. Miller and Morehead Plumbing, Inc. Mr. Miller reviewed the application file and noted that Mr. Miller requested a start date of January 1, 2011. Mr. Miller stated that ratios are good.

Motion to approve James C. Miller as a registered apprentice with a start date of January 1, 2011 with Morehead Plumbing Inc by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 5-0-2

Scott Dye with ServiceOne Inc appeared before the Board to request renewal of approval of apprenticeship program. Mr. Miller reviewed the submitted ratio sheet and stated that all appeared to be in order with the application.

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

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 5-0-2

Shawn L. Nelsen and Scott Dye appeared before the Board for Shawn L. Nelsen and ServiceOne Inc. Mr. Miller reviewed the application file and noted that Mr. Miller requested a start date of January 21, 2008. Mr. Nelsen has never been registered as an apprentice to anyone else, but does already have Sarpy County and a State of Iowa journeyman license. Mr. Dye stated that when ServiceOne hired him in January, 2008, they didn’t have enough journeymen for the ratio but they hired him as a drain technician with the opportunity to go to school. They sent him to school and with the contractor base for ServiceOne they were able to utilize him in Bellevue and Council Bluffs and the surrounding areas. Mr. Miller stated that Mr. Nelsen has plenty of on-the-job hours and as a fourth year apprentice he is in his fourth year of schooling.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve Mr. Shawn L. Nelsen as a City of Omaha apprentice with a start date of January 21, 2008 with his Journeyman testing following the requirements of the 2010 Plumbing Code. Seconded by Mr. Barrett.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 5-0-2
IV. Cases

11-7-66 from 7/27/2011
Tom Meginnis
Quest Construction Co.
14939 Industrial Rd
Omaha NE 68144

REQUEST: Waiver to allow the installation of a private well.
Location: 4427 S 187th St

Tom Meginnis (builder) and Doug Boyson (owner of the lot) appeared before the Board. Metropolitan Utilities District only provided the applicants with the square footage. MUD cannot be made to absorb any of the cost of the project. The Board has granted waivers in past cases that a well can be allowed as long as when the water is available, they connect to it. They want $73,000.00 to get water up to his house. The people that the main frontage would cross, cannot be forced to hook onto it, so he would absorb all of the cost. The Douglas County Health Department has already issued the well permit.

Motion by Mr. Wellendorf to approve the waiver to allow the installation of the well. Seconded by Mr. Barrett

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

NAYES: Estabrook

Motion carried 4-1-2

11-8-73
Bill Condon
Jensen Well Company
767 Iowa St.
Blair NE 68008

REQUEST: Waiver to allow the installation of a private well
Location: NW corner 225th & State Streets

Mike Bohrer, Jensen Well Company, appeared before the Board. Randy, Health Department, stated that they have no problem with a domestic well. There is no Metropolitan Utilities District water available at this location. MUD wants $900,000.00 for connection. It would take a 16,000 foot extension.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to allow the installation of the private well. Seconded by Mr. Barrett

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 5-0-2
11-8-74
Bill Condon
Jensen Well Company
767 Iowa St.
Blair NE 68008

REQUEST: Waiver to allow the installation of a private well
Location: NW 12510 N 108th Street
49-1510

Mike Bohrer, Jensen Well Company, appeared before the Board. Mr. Bohrer stated that their old well is bad with nitrates in it. It is actually on someone else’s property and close to the septic tank. Randy, Health Department, stated that they have no problem with a private well at this location. An application has not been taken out with them at this point.

Motion by Mr. Reed to allow the replacement of the well at 12510 North 108th Street, with the stipulation that the well is located on the owner’s property. Seconded by Mr. Barrett.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf
Motion carried 5-0-2

11-8-75
Mark Roseland
Backlund Plumbing
14920 Grover St.
Omaha NE 68144

REQUEST: Variance of Section 49-631, Unisex Toilet Rooms
Location: 7906 West Dodge Road
49-631

Randall Weesler, First Management Inc., for Mark Roseland, appeared before the Board to request a variance of Section 49-631, unisex toilet rooms. His company manages the shopping center of this location. Mr. Miller stated that the existing single-restroom does not comply with Code. Mr. Weesler stated that this shop was previously a wig shop and is currently being used as a spray tan business. They did nothing with the restroom, so they thought they were grandfathered. Mr. Wonder stated that he believes there is a slight difference in the Certificate of Occupancy with the two businesses, and that is what triggered the problem. The square footage is 1,100 sq. ft. What brought this up was whether it needed a urinal or not. They qualified for a unisex and the wig shop had a unisex but it didn’t meet the current Code. Since he’s going from a wig shop to a spray tan shop, there is a change of use, so you can have a unisex but it doesn’t meet the current Code requirement. There is no other plumbing being done. It was leased as is. The rooms are the existing rooms.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the waiver to leave the restroom as is installed today for this tenant and business only. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf
Motion carried 5-0-2

11-8-76
Shawn Keesee
901 Main St
PO Box 145
Herman NE 68029-0145

REQUEST: Request for renewal of expired sewer layer’s license.
Variance of Section 49-215(d)(3)
49-212,215(d)(3)

Shawn Keesee appeared before the Board. Mr. Keesee stated that he was in an accident last July and he had a second surgery in January and has not been working. He just got back to work a couple of months ago. He is also asking for a waiver of last year’s continuing education. He has a lot of medical documentation. He has never been behind on hours before.

Motion by Mr. Reed to allow the renewal of Shawn Keesee’s expired sewer layer’s license and to waive his continuing education hours for 2010 due to medical reasons. Seconded by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf
Motion carried 5-0-2
REQUEST: Variance of Section 49-1104, grease interceptor
Location: 617 North 114th Street
49-1104

Prajad Nuamatha appeared before the Board. Mr. Nuamatha stated that they will not be using any fried foods and do not have a frier. They have grease-free food with wraps and crepes. They serve it on a banana leaf which will also absorb any grease. It is better than Subway. The meat is precooked and they put it in a clay oven to warm it. Under the hood is a griddle – to make the crepes and a 4-6 burner stove. They aren’t doing any washing of any dishes – they are all disposed or recycled.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the waiver of the grease interceptor requirement for this restaurant with the stipulation that if the menu changes and grease is produced that would get into the sanitary sewer system that they would be required to add a grease interceptor or grease removal device at that time or come before the Board for a waiver. Seconded by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf
Motion carried 5-0-2

REQUEST: Variance of Section 49-1104, grease interceptor
Location: 6924 Maple Street
49-1104

No one appeared in support of the variance.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to lay this item over to the August 24th, 2011 Plumbing Board meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf
Motion carried 5-0-2

XI. Discussion

- Mr. Wonder stated that everything is graded. Historically meetings have alternated between 9:00 and 1:30 for the grading of the tests. If at any time the Board wishes to change the meeting time for convenience sake, they can change it. The reason for the 2 times historically was that the Board found it more convenient to grade the tests in the mornings at 9:00. As you’re looking at changing Board policy anyway, if you want to change it, it can be done. The general consensus was that having the two meetings at the same time was the most important thing, whether it be morning or afternoon.

- Between now and the next meeting the changes will be reviewed.

- Rounding up of test grades is something the Board has determined should not be allowed, and should be put in the policies also.

- All of the tests have been graded and everything is prepared to notify all of the applicants of their grades, which is historical since in the past it has taken 2½ weeks to get the results. They are ready to be emailed if at all possible and the others will be mailed by Monday.

Motion by Mr. Wellendorf to go into Executive Session to review the tests. Seconded by Mr. Estabrook

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf
Motion carried 5-0-2
XII. Adjourn

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

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion to adjourn at 2:50 PM carried 5-0-2

* = APPLICANT MUST BE PRESENT AT MEETING

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The Omaha Plumbing Board reserves the right to modify the agenda at the public meeting.

If alternative (tape) to the agenda is needed, please advise Jim Wonder. A 72-hour notice is required.

Applications for the meeting to be held at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, August 10th are due no later than 9:00am on Thursday, July 28th.

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