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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS

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PRESENT: Chair John LeoGrande
John Frankl
Art Masucci
Art Rorick
ABSENT: Ed Hoag

Chair LeoGrande called the Regular Meeting to order and called the roll.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION, made by Art Rorick and seconded by John Frankl, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 12, 2012 be approved and ordered filed.

Voting Ayes: Chair John LeoGrande
John Frankl
Art Masucci
Art Rorick
Noes: None
Absent: Ed Hoag

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Chair LeoGrande reported that the board did not receive any correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

Chair LeoGrande stated that other than the board's request that someone from the Fire Department be appointed to the board, there was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Art Masucci stated that he was talking to someone who lives in the city and he told him that he got a price for a solar ray from Dave Austen of Great Brook Solar. He said that he believes it is the same person who came into the city 2 or 3 months ago and did a solar unit in the city. Mr. Masucci stated that if he recalls correctly, this was brought to the attention of the Code Enforcement Office who let Mr. Austin have licensed electricians in the city okay the installation of the unit for him. He stated that Ray Brook Solar is still pushing forward with coming into the city without a license. He explained that he knew that to be true because he gave an estimate to the person he talked to and he came right out and told the person that he

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didn't have a license but he had a way around it. Mr. Masucci stated that he sees that as Mr. Austen trying to borrow someone else's license. He said he didn't believe that was the right thing to do. He believed that if an individual works in the city, they should have a license. He stated that Mr. Austen had an opportunity right in front of him and he missed sitting for the examination so that he could get a license and do the job. Mr. Masucci informed the board that Mr. Austen does not have any kind of license to do work in the city of Oneonta. He stated that he got the one job passed and now he's trying to take advantage of that.

Chair LeoGrande stated that if Mr. Austen wants to do another job in the city, he either has to make arrangements to sit for the electrical examination or let the board know how he plans to get around not having a license.

Art Masucci asked that Code Enforcement Officer Chiappisi receive a copy of the board's minutes so that he is aware of this situation.

Chair LeoGrande felt that a letter should be sent to Mr. Austen informing him that the board is aware of what he is doing and if he wants to explain himself, he's welcome to come to an Electrical board meeting.

It was noted that Mr. Austen is listed on the NYSERDA list.

MOTION, made by Art Masucci and seconded by John Frankl, that a letter be sent to Great Brook Solar, attention Dave Austen, saying that he does not have the right to do any work in the city without a license.

Voting Ayes: Chair John LeoGrande

John Frankl

Art Masucci

Art Rorick

Noes: None

Absent: Ed Hoag

MOTION CARRIED

Chair LeoGrande stated that hopefully the situation will be resolved once Great Brook Solar receives the letter.

Art Masucci questioned what the board was doing with the zoning code changes.

Chair LeoGrande responded stating that the board tabled the discussion on the zoning code changes at the last meeting because not everyone was present. He stated that Ed Hoag didn't

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want to discuss it without Art Masucci present. He said now the board was missing Ed Hoag, the one who requested that the discussion be tabled last month.

Chair LeoGrande asked Matt House if Saturday, November 3rd was convenient for him to do the electrical examinations.

Mr. House stated that he was all set to do the examinations on November 3rd.

The board discussed the electrical examinations with Matt House.

Matt House stated that the information indicating the materials that should be brought to the examination should state the “2008” NEC book. He said the information being sent by the city Clerk’s office references the “2005” NEC book. He said that the information should also state that the applicants need to bring their own hand tools.

The board and Matt House stated that the master electrical examination and limited residential electrical examination would be 50% / 50% and the maintenance electrical examination would be 75% / 25%.

The board agreed that the full membership of the board should be present when the zoning code is discussed again.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.

There being no further business to come before the board, Chair LeoGrande duly adjourned the Regular Meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m.

JAMES R. KOURY, City Clerk

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