

**ONEONTA, NEW YORK – JULY 12, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS**

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**PRESENT:** Chair John LeoGrande  
Ed Hoag  
John Frankl  
Art Rorick

**ABSENT:** Art Masucci

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION**, made by Ed Hoag and seconded by John Frankl, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2012 be approved and ordered filed.

**Voting Ayes:** Chair John LeoGrande  
Ed Hoag  
John Frankl  
Art Rorick

**Voting Noes:** None

**Absent:** Art Masucci

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Ed Hoag felt that the City has to put more effort into finding additional people to appoint to the Electrical Board. He said the board was down two (2) members.

Chair LeoGrande stated that the City needs to appoint a Fire Department representative and one other person.

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Ed Hoag stated that no one shows up from the Fire Department. He said that the board has asked the City to appoint someone from the Fire Department to the board. He said that hasn't happened. Mr. Hoag said the board never knows if enough people are going to show up to have a meeting. He said it would work a lot better if two (2) more people were appointed to the board, even if one (1) of them was not from the Fire Department.

The board discussed the number of people who should be on the Electrical board according to the code.

It was noted that the Code still says five (5) members shall be on the board. Chair LeoGrande stated that the board changed that some time ago to seven (7) members.

Ed Hoag stated that that may not have been changed.

John Frankl stated that if a member from the Fire Department was appointed to the board, then there would be six (6) members on the board.

Ed Hoag stated that the board never knows when they come to a meeting if there's going to be a quorum to meet and for him to attend a meeting, it's a 30 mile around trip.

Chair LeoGrande read sections 112-2 A and B of the electrical code with regard to the membership of the Electrical Board and the appointment of a representative from the Fire Department to the board.

Chair LeoGrande stated that the Electrical Board needs more members. He said there doesn't seem to be anyone on the Fire Department who wants to serve on the board. He said they should appoint somebody from the Fire Department.

Ed Hoag stated that the way the code is written, the City has no choice but to appoint someone from the Fire Department to the board. He said if serving on a board is not in the firefighters' duty statement, then the Chief or an officer who is not in the union should be appointed to the board.

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John Frankl stated that the requirement for an appointee from the Fire Department probably goes way back when there was a fire district in the city.

Ed Hoag stated that most municipalities who have an electrical board and licensing have someone from the public service.

John Frankl stated that since then they have done away with that fire district. He said that back then someone from the Fire Department was required to be on the Electrical Board.

Chair LeoGrande stated that when he first served on the Electrical Board, the board had a liaison from the city attend the meetings. He said the board doesn't have that anymore.

John Frankl stated that no one in the city pays any attention to the licensing or anything anymore. He said he sees a lot of guys working who are not licensed. He said the city doesn't care. He said it's not like it used to be. He said years ago it used to be very tough.

Ed Hoag stated that he doesn't know why the city is skirting around this situation. He said the code stated that there shall be a representative from the Fire Department appointed to the Electrical Board. He said that the guys who are in the union aren't going to volunteer to do something that's not in their job description. Mr. Hoag stated that this isn't a priority in their eyes and it should be because there are things going on that pertain to safety. He said the board needs to have a definitive answer.

Chair LeoGrande stated that the board has requested again that someone from the Fire Department be appointed to the Electrical Board, as well as another additional person. He said the board will wait and see what happens.

The board discussed when the next electrical examinations should be given. Chair LeoGrande questioned whether the board should set the dates at this meeting or next month's meeting. The last exam that was given was held in March.

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Ed Hoag stated that the next examination should be given in September, however, there is not enough time to do the announcement, first review and second review.

The board decided to hold the next electrical examination on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. The board asked that the City Clerk contact Matt House to see if he is available to hold the examination on November 3.

The schedule for the next examination is as follows:

Public Service Announcement	- August
First Review	- September 13, 2012
Second Review	- October 11, 2012
Examination	- November 3, 2012
Review of examinations	- November 8, 2012

Chair LeoGrande stated that Matt House should be contacted to see if he made any changes to the maintenance exam. He said the board asked that Matt House meet with the board in August.

Ed Hoag stated that the board had discussed changing the time for the length of the time.

John Frankl stated that he spoke to someone who took the examination and they told him that they were not aware of what tools they needed to bring to the exam.

Chair LeoGrande stated that Matt House needs to inform the board as to what type of tools the applicants have to bring to the exam.

Chair LeoGrande asked if there was anything more to discuss with the zoning code. He stated that he didn't think there was much on the changes to discuss. He stated that the board went over everything and didn't have problems with any of the changes up to 112-2. He said now the board needs to get the membership of the board situated.

Chair LeoGrande stated that the board left off with Section 112-5.

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Art Rorick asked the board if they wanted to review the rest of the changes that were proposed.

Ed Hoag stated that he did not want to review the proposed changes without Art Masucci present. He stated that Art provided a lot of information for the proposed changes.

Ed Hoag questioned whether the City Clerk's Office knows what happened to the changes that the board proposed three years ago.

Chair LeoGrande asked that the City Clerk's Office research what happened to the changes the board proposed three years ago and what those changes were.

**NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 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 7:40 p.m.

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JAMES R. KOURY, City Clerk

JRK/bsm