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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS

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

ABSENT: None

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

Chair LeoGrande stated that Matt House from Delhi was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION, made by Ed Hoag and seconded by Art Rorick, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 12, 2012 be approved and ordered filed.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board did not receive any correspondence.

SECOND REVIEW OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINATION APPLICATIONS

Chair LeoGrande stated that the City Clerk's Office reported that Lee McDonald did not submit the additional information requested by the Board.

Ed Hoag stated that since Mr. McDonald did not submit the additional information requested by the Board and since he is not present at the meeting, the Board should deny his request to take the Limited Residential Electrician's exam.

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Chair LeoGrande that the City Clerk sent Mr. McDonald a letter stating that at its meeting of January 12th, the Board of Electrical Examiners reviewed his application to take the Limited Residential Electrician's Exam on March 17th and the Board requested more documentation of experience and hours worked to support this application. The City Clerk asked that the additional information be submitted by February 9th. Chair LeoGrande stated that Mr. McDonald did not respond to the City Clerk's letter

Ed Hoag asked that the City Clerk send Mr. McDonald a letter stating that he can not sit for the March 17th electrician's examination because he did not submit the additional documentation requested by the Board. He stated that Mr. McDonald should get is money back that he paid for the exam.

Chair LeoGrande informed Matt House that there are two (2) people eligible to take the March 17th electrical examinations:

Seth Little – Limited Residential Electrician's examination
Isaac Willard – Master Electrician's examination

Art Masucci asked Mr. House if the examination will include a practical examination.

Mr. House responded that the examination will include a practical examination. He stated that he has something that he can show the Board that he put together.

Code Enforcement Officer Chiappisi asked if the Limited Residential was what he looked at today; swap out outlets, ballasts, etc. He asked if that's what a Limited Residential Electrician can do?

Art Masucci stated that is a maintenance license for a particular establishment. He stated, for example, that Corning could have their maintenance person take the examination and if he passes the examination, he can swap out outlets, ballasts, etc. He stated that a Limited Residential Electrician's license is for one and two family dwellings, whatever they want to do.

Code Enforcement Officer Chiappisi asked if a Limited Residential Electrician can install new services.

Art Masucci stated that a Limited Residential Electrician can install new services in one and two family dwellings.

Ed Hoag reported that Limited Residential Electricians can not work on Main Street, even though there are apartments, two units, because it's a commercial building.

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Art Rorick stated that he finds the electrical standards in the City Code very vague as far as the descriptions of the different type of licenses.

Code Enforcement Officer Chiappisi stated that he didn't find the electrical code to be particularly clear either.

Ed Hoag stated that he believes that the electrical code states that a Limited Residential Electrician can only do one and two family dwellings. He explained that a Master Electrician can do everything else. He stated that the Maintenance License is something new that the Electrical Board put together.

The Board discussed Rick Worrell who works for Community Bank. John Frankl stated that if he remembers correctly, Mr. Worrell does not have a Limited Residential Electrician's license.

Art Masucci stated that he spoke to Mr. Worrell about that.

Ed Hoag stated that Mr. Worrell has not even renewed his license this year.

Art Masucci stated that he spoke with Rick Worrell and told him that if he wanted to he could work in the building and do maintenance but he needed to have Wilber Bank (Community Bank) allow him to do it. He stated that he asked the question whether he had to sit for the Maintenance exam and he was told that he didn't have to sit for the exam.

Ed Hoag stated that Mr. Worrell is not licensed for anything right now.

John Frankl stated that Mr. Worrell never renewed his license.

Ed Hoag felt that a letter should be sent to Rick Worrell informing him that he must renew his license in order to continue doing maintenance work for Community Bank.

Matt House discussed the practical examination that he did up for the March 17th exam. He informed the Board that he shortened the written examination, down to 50 questions from 100 on Part I and put in general knowledge code questions, and he left Part II the same, with calculations. He stated that this is for the Master Electrician's examination. Mr. House stated that he tried to condense the written part of the exam and he added the practical exam.

Ed Hoag stated that the exam questions have to be based on the 2008 electrical code (NEC). He stated that the State is now using the 2010 NEC.

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Code Enforcement Officer Chiappisi stated that he uses the 2010 for building codes.. He said that all electrical work (new and upgrades) performed on residences in New York State must conform to the standards in the 2008 NEC.

Mr. House stated that Sullivan County is still using the 2005 code.

Ed Hoag stated that the problem is that residential code is based on one code and the building code is based another. He stated that the residential code states one and two family and is a stand alone code. He stated that the City's code is the complete house, kitchen, basement, etc.

Mr. House stated that the 2005 code was just for bedrooms.

Art Masucci asked who was paying for materials.

Mr. House reported that there was some material that was left over from when Bill Burke gave the exam. He said he is all set for this round.

Ed Hoag stated that the 2011 code was adopted for the building codes, the commercial sides. He stated that the 2008 code is used for residential. He stated that he's not sure what commercial is.

Art Masucci stated that this has all been very confusing for the past two years.

Ed Hoag agreed, stating that it becomes very confusing. He stated that the problem is that the State expects electricians to buy that book if they're going to be doing the work.

He explained that that's a stand alone residential code. He stated that no other code is accepted in the State of New York other than that.

The Board discussed Nelson Lamplighter who is doing work in the City without a license.

Code Enforcement Officer Chiappisi stated that the way he is going to handle this situation is that he will send Nelson Lamplighter's the whole list of electricians and tell them that they need to reach out to the licensed City contractors to do this work because it's commercial work and that there is a licensing requirement. He stated that if a guy from Binghamton wants to get a reciprocal license, he can do that.

Chair LeoGrande stated that Nelson Lamplighter had a license in the City before. He said he didn't renew it.

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Code Enforcement Officer Chiappisi stated that he will call Lamplighters on Friday. He said the City had the trouble with an electrician doing work on River Street who didn't have all their guys licensed to do work.

Code Enforcement Officer Chiappisi asked where Nelson Lamplighter was doing work.

Chair LeoGrande stated that they are working at the Artisan Guild. He stated that their truck was parked in front of McLaughlin's Shoes and he found out about a week ago that they just got their lights done the other day. He stated that he is pretty sure Nelson Lamplighter also did work in the old dress factory on Chestnut Street, the antique store.

Code Enforcement Officer Chiappisi stated that he will follow-up with Nelson Lamplighter. He asked that if anyone sees Nelson Lamplighter working, they let him know.

Art Masucci felt that the Board should write clarification of the City Code with reference to what's Limited, what's one and two family, what's maintenance, etc.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair LeoGrande duly adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:40 p.m.

JAMES R. KOURY, City Clerk

JRK/bsm