558 MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF MASTER PLUMBERS -MINUTES - JUNE 25, 2009

The Minutes of the June 25, 2009 Board Meeting have not been formally approved and are subject to change or modification by the Public Body at its regular meeting on July 23, 2009.

The notice of the June 25, 2009 meeting has been mailed to the Star Ledger, Camden Courier Post, and Trenton Times newspapers, and has also been posted on the Bulletin Board at the Office of the Secretary of State, Trenton, New Jersey.

The Board Meeting of June 25, 2009 was called to order at 9:00 am with the following Members in attendance:

Peter I. Voros, Chairman

Ralph Wetzel, Vice-Chairman

Michael K. Maloney

Paul N. Bontempo

Michael L. Sestanovich, Secretary

Mark McManus, Adam J. Sabath and Donald Dileo were absent

BOARD MEMBER - VACANCY - (1)

As of this Board meeting date, there is one (1) Board member vacancy for a Public Member. That position was formerly held by Board Member Margaret Sieb who resigned on December 15, 2005.

Others in attendance:

The following individuals were in attendance from 9:00 a.m. until the close of the meeting at 3:00 pm: Rosemarie Baccile, Executive Assistant and Joseph A. Donofrio, Counseling Deputy Attorney General (DAG)

PUBLIC SESSION VISITORS:

Gary Italiano, NJSLMP, LMP # 10225

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the FLAG

Chairman Peter Voros led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and requested that Members join in a moment of silence in recognition of U.S. troops serving our Country.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES ~ MAY 28, 2009 MEETING

A motion was made by Paul Bontempo and seconded by Ralph Wetzel to postpone the approval of the May 28, 2009 minutes until the July 23, 2009 meeting. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS - &- CAPACITIES

MAYOR PETER I. VOROS ~ MASTER PLUMBER MEMBER ~ CHAIRMAN

RALPH WETZEL ~MASTER PLUMBER MEMBER ~ VICE-CHAIRMAN

MICHAEL L. SESTANOVICH ~ INSPECTOR MEMBER - SECRETARY

MARK MC MANUS ~ JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER

MICHAEL K. MALONEY ~ MASTER PLUMBER MEMBER

DONALD B. DILEO ~ PUBLIC MEMBER

PAUL N. BONTEMPO - PUBLIC MEMBER

ADAM J. SABATH ~ STATE MEMBER

TOTAL BOARD COMPLEMENT (9): Vacancy / Public Member - formerly held by Mrs. Sieb

BOARD BUSINESS

1. DIVISION OF LAW BILLING - 3rd quarter of FY 2009 DARLENE KANE, BUDGET OFFICER, MEMORANDUM MAY 5, 2009

On June 25, 2009, the Board reviewed this report without comment.

REPORTING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

2. GARRETT R. PEPE, LMP #5741, t/a PEPE PLUMBING AND HEATING OFFER OF SETTLEMENT / \$500 PENALTY - Penalty paid April 22, 2009

N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) professional or occupational misconduct for failing to obtain a permit in timely fashion.

On June 25, 2009, Board Members noted the penalty payment and closed the file.

3. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS - PENALTY PAYMENTS CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDIT BIENNIAL 2005-2007

Provisional Order(s) of Discipline (POD) filed October 27, 2008 "Group A" - those who attended a late 'make-up' course

On August 25, 2006 the Board conducted a CE audit involving selected licensees. Respondent(s) indicated on the 2005-2007 biennial renewal application that they will have completed the requirement by June 30, 2005; however, they failed to do so. Respondent(s) were assessed a \$500 penalty pursuant to NJSA 45:1-22 for failing to complete the required CE for the 2005-2007 biennial by June 30, 2005, in violation of NJSA 45:1-21(h). Respondent(s) were also assessed a \$1,000 penalty for indicating on the application that they would complete the five (5) CE hours by the required date and failing to do so in violation of NJSA 45:1-21(e). The following licensees have complied with the POD, attended a make-up course, and are reported on this Agenda for their penalty payments during May, 2009.

KENNETH B. SCHNEIDER, LMP # 4675 3RD & final payment pd 5/04/09 for \$500

ANGELO D. ROTONDO, LMP # 8592 2nd payment pd 5/28/09 for \$500

3. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS - PENALTY PAYMENTS CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDIT BIENNIAL 2005-2007

DANIEL S. RICHARDS, LMP 10583 1ST & 2ND payments at \$100 - 4/12/09 & 5/20/09 KENNETH J. MACKENZIE, LMP # 9741 2nd payment pd 6/16 /09 for \$500 ? TOTAL PENALTIES COLLECTED for 2005-2007 CE AUDIT = \$21,700.00

On June 25, 2009, Board Members acknowledged these penalty payments.

4. ROBERT C. CHRISTOPHER, LMP # 3963

PAYMENT OF \$500 PENALTY BY UNIFORM PENALTY LETTER

During preparation for the 2009-2011 renewal, a review of this licensing file found that it had been flagged for non-payment of a fine for the 2003-2005 CE AUDIT.

Payment dated May 15, 2009 - CLOSED On June 25, 2009, the Board Members noted this penalty payment and closed the file.

"Responses" to Advertising Letters? REVISITING from the April 23, 2009 Agenda:

5. Ms. Elizabeth Moritz, Administrator New Jersey State League of Master Plumbers Inc. (NJSLMP) Enforcement Issues ~ Doing plumbing work without a license ~ Advertising plumbing work without a license

The State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers received complaints on March 26, 2009 where unlicensed entities were advertising for plumbing services. On April 23, 2009, the Board reported that a "File Identification number" was assigned to each complaint, and an Advertising letter was processed and issued to each of the below entities.

Board Members agreed to re-schedule a review of these files to address any responses to the Advertising letters. Responses were submitted by (12) entities and are "bolded." The Board reserved time in Executive Closed Session to discuss all files in this group, and returned to Open Public Session to report:

An Offer of Settlement with a \$2,500 will be issued to unlicensed entities advertising plumbing services. The payments of those fines will be reported in Open Session when public. Exceptions and findings are noted:

NJSLMP - Advertising plumbing work without a license

C. Harris Home Works 91 Appletree Lane Sewell, NJ 08080 File# 63466

David Coles
Dave Coles Handyman Services
2 Summit Court
Marlton, NJ 08053
File# 63467

F & B Handyman Services 256 Cambridge Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07307 File# 63468

NJ Property Maintenance, LLC Corrected advertisement - CLOSE FILE 55 Washington Street Bloomfield, NJ 07003 File# 63473

Ron Dunois Ron Runois Handyman Services 303 Oakdale Drive Neptune, NJ 07753 File# 63474

Handyrapp Handyman Services 18 S. Syracuse Drive Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 File# 63475

Roland Davis File# 63476 Corrected advertisement - CLOSE FILE Ro's Handyman Service 122 Graybar Drive North Plainfield, NJ 07062

Jon-Jon's Handyman, File# 63477 490 Route 49 Bridgeton, NJ 08032

Bob's Climate Control Service 7 Jones Lane Sicklerville, NJ 08081 File# 63479

Malave Nyjirah, File# 63480 Maintenance Services 1713 Ferry Avenue Camden, NJ 08104

NJSLMP - Advertising plumbing work without a license

Don Scattolini, File# 63482 Scattolini Brothers 611 N. Wildwood Blvd Cape May Courthouse, NJ 08210

Larry K. Wizeman, File# 63485 Handyman Household Repairs 1514 Longfellow Drive Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Craig Drake, File# 63486 C. Drake Contracting, LLC P.O. Box 275, Towaco, NJ 07082

Carl Arguell, File# 63489 Corrected advertisement - CLOSE FILE Superior Handyman Services 149 Flanders Drive Hillsborough, NJ 08844

A2Z Home Improvements Additional investigation necessary 321 Maxim Drive Hopatcong, NJ 07438 File# 63490?

J & P Affordable Kitchen and Bath 321 Maxim Drive

Hopatcong, NJ 07438 File# 63490

Julia Romero, File# 63495 JR Mechanical Services Corp 713 Lee Avenue North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Patrick J. Gregory, File# 63496 Task Man Home Improv LLC P.O. Box 121 Bloomsbury, NJ 08804

C & R Appliance Service 89 Trotters Lane Galloway, NJ 08205 File# 63497

Dave Santoro, Inc., File# 63498 Close - Advertisement shows LMP # 7858 P.O. Box 338 Elwood, NJ 08217

H.R. Heating & Air-Conditioning 207 E. Crestview Avenue Galloway, NJ 08205 File# 63499

NJSLMP - Advertising plumbing work without a license

Russell Reebenaker, File# 63500 Reasonable Home Repairs 171 Morrow Lane Clayton, NJ 08312

Lyle Strain, File# 63503 I & P Electrical and Machine Co. 420 Talmadge Avenue Bound Brook, NJ 08805

John Dublon, File# 63505 Printing error by "Service Magic" - CLOSE FILE Affordable Services
3 Springbrook Drive Jackson, NJ 08527

Andrew Paterson, File# 63507 Printing error by "Service Magic" - CLOSE FILE Wendruff Service Company LLC 1889 Route 9, Suite 30 Toms River, NJ 08755

JC Residential & Commercial Remodelers, File# 63508 98 East State Street Camden, NJ 08105

JC Repairs & Contract Building 20 Roosevelt Drive

Millville, NJ 08332 File# 63509

Christopher Pavero, File# 63510 Affordable Waste Water Solutions 821 Huntington Avenue Pine Beach, NJ 08741

CM Heating and Cooling, LLC 3032 Cologne Avenue Mays Landing, NJ 08330 File# 63512

Dan Gattuso, File# 63515 Dry Guys Basement Systems 20 North Main Woodstown, NJ 08098

Father and Sons Powerwashing & Handyman Services, File# 63517 2024 Easy Street Millville, NJ 08332

NJSLMP - Advertising plumbing work without a license

Joseph Tucci, File# 63518 Handyman on Call 24/7 43 Cambridge Avenue Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Louisa Vaquinhas, File# 63519 A-Z Home Improvement 7 E. Alabama Avenue Long Beach Township, NJ 08008

James R Demaise, File# 63598 Platinum Construction Co. 5503 Redhaven Drive Marlton, NJ 08053

David Colley, File# 63599 Home Improvement Projects 429 Third Street Delanco, NJ 08075

Rich DeSimone, File# 63600 DeSimone Handyman Services 20 Catawba Avenue Turnersville, NJ 08012

M. Marcinkowski, File# 63602 Custom Painting/Home Improv. 713 Breakers Avenue Absecon, NJ 08201 Grant Salcedo, File# 63603 Hubby For Hire/Hubby 4 Hire 237 Mission Road Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Nowraz Zakaev, File# 63607 Painting Concepts Company 14 8th Avenue Hawthorne, NJ 07506

Douglas Pozniak, File# 63608 Response reviewed; uphold fine D.J. Improvements 1430 Osage Road North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Michael Holte, File# 63610 Assured Mechanical LLC 220 Park Avenue 15U Hammonton, NJ 08037

NJSLMP - Advertising plumbing work without a license

Steve Taylor @ Basement Waterproofing Nationwide, Inc P.O. Box 979 Edgewood, MD 21040, File# 63611 State of Maryland- Close file

Christopher Thomas, File# 63612 C.R.T. Mechanical 338 North Pearl St Clayton, NJ 08312

Gary Schierenbeck, File# 63613 Drain cleaning advertisement - close Python Drain Cleaning, Inc. 730 Carlton Boulevard Staten Island, NY 10312

Britney Munyon, President Munyon Mechanical, Inc. 168 N. West Avenue Bridgeton, NJ 08302, File# 63614

Dan the Handyman, File# 63615 304 Central Avenue Linwood, NJ 08221

Mr. Handyman of the Northern Valley, File# 63616 241 Boulevard Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604

Mr. Handyman, File# 63617 Printing error by "Switchboard" #7 at 1474 Route 23 close file Wayne, NJ 07470

Jack Neff, File# 63618 Modern Gas 1725 S. Burlington Road Bridgeton, NJ 08302

John Conlin, File# 63619 Atlas Sewer and Drain 29 West 46th Street Bayonne, NJ 07002

John Schmidt, File# 63620 J & J Mechanical, Inc. 1100 Pocopson Road, Suite 326 Pocopson. PA 19366

Garrett Building Company 400 W. Washington Avenue Pleasantville, NJ 08232 File# 63621

NJSLMP - Advertising plumbing work without a license

Marc Barbera, File# 63622 Handyman Headquarters, LLC 1638 West Lake Avenue Williamstown, NJ 08094

Jersey Shore Home Repairs P.O. Box 344 Beachwood, NJ 08722

File# 63623

Budget Handyman Services P.O. Box 273 Mahwah, NJ 07430 File# 63624

A's 1 Remodeling Contractor LLC 145 Springfield Avenue Rutherford, NJ 07070 Attention: Anthony, File# 63626

Francisco Martinez Martinez and Martinez Contractor 47 Harrison Avenue Garfield, NJ 07026, File# 63627

Ralph Simone, File# 63628 Handyman (South Jersey) 369 White House Pike Waterford Works, NJ 08089

Richard McGranahan, File# 63629 Express Appliance Service LLC 55 Rellim Drive Old Bridge, NJ 08857 Rafail Sheynman, File# 62630 Rafail's Heating, Cooling Appl. 110 Copperfield Lane Metuchen, NJ 08840

Michael Parsons, File# 63631 Painter/Handyman 12 Calvin Avenue Lodi, NJ 07644

Roy Bolton, Sr., File# 63633 Bolton's Home Improvement 103 Salem Avenue Newfield, NJ 08344

The Handyman Can, LLC, 855 Route 70 Brick, N 08724 File# 63632

Hometown Handyman Ron Ballentine, Inc. 101 Broad Deepwater, NJ 08023, File# 63634

Jaareina Choates, File# 63635 Choates General Contracting. Inc. 63 Mullen Drive Sicklerville, NJ 08081

Irv Lavinsky, File# 63637 Handyman for Hire 12 Partridge Court Marlton, NJ 08053

KC Total Home Solutions, Inc. 101A Portland Avenue Bergenfield, NJ 07621 Attn: Kris, File# 63639

Anthony Vellucci, File# 63641 King of Handy Handyman Service 3 Crest Court North Haledon, NJ 07508

GID Handyman Services 718 7th Street Carlstadt, NJ 07072 File# 63643

Rich Miranda, File# 63646 Teanar Home Services & GC 15 Willow Oak Court Blackwood, NJ 08012 Stephen Link / Bruce Evans Cape Heating and Air, Inc. P.O. Box 493 Linwood, NJ 08221, File# 63648

Steve Baglivo, President Statewide Environmental Services 459 South Liverpool Avenue Galloway, NJ 08215, File# 63649

Nuzzi Tile, File# 63651 10 Wuester Lane Haskell, NJ 07420

Main Lock Home Improv. LLC 92 Greylock Avenue Belleville, NJ 07109, File# 63652

Fred L Myers, File# FLM Home Improvements 905 Sterling Drive Florham Park, NJ 07932

Bob Service, File# 63655 Printing error by "Service Magic" - close file R. Service Maintenance LLC 2 Elacqua Boulevard Parlin, NJ 08859

Bruce Bossick, File# 63656 Bossick & Associates, LLC 1617 Birmingham Avenue Toms River, NJ 08757

Gary Vodopija, File# 63658 General Service Mechanical LLC 78 Princeton Avenue West Deptford, NJ 08096

6. DANIEL FRONZAGLIA, EXPIRED 6-30-1989 /LMP # 7668;6B. RICHARD P. GERSTENBERG, JR. EXPIRED 6-30-2001 /LMP # 9688Both seek the reinstatement of their Master Plumber's licenses.

On June 25, 2009, the Board reviewed the requests of licensees Fronzaglia and Gerstenberg, and concluded in a motion made by Michael Maloney and seconded by Michael Sestanovich, that both expired licensees must comply with existing New Jersey Plumbing Statutes and Regulations in order to achieve the reinstatement of licensure in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:32-2.6 (f) Renewal of license which states:

- "A person seeking reinstatement after more than five (5) years following the suspension of a license shall successfully complete the examination required for initial licensure as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:32-2.3, and shall submit:
- A completed reinstatement application;
- Payment of all past delinquent renewal fees as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:32-5.1;

- Payment of a reinstatement fee as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:32-5-1; and
- An affidavit of employment listing each job held during the period of suspension which includes the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of each employer."

A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

7. JAMES KELLY, LMP # 7857, t/a KELCO PLUMBING OFFER OF SETTLEMENT IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING {Payment of restitution on 3/5/2009 - FILE ID # 52796 - \$358.33 to consumer}

?Payment of 1,100 penalty payment = Paid in full - 6/04/2009

Violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) has engaged in professional or occupational misconduct failure to follow up on his permit in conjunction with complaint:

- Failing to obtain the necessary permits and inspections for this job..... \$500 fine
- Failure to prepare and issue a contract to the consumer\$500 fine
- Failure to indicate his Master Plumber's license data on bill head...... \$100 fine
- Consumer restitution in the amount of \$358.33 (costs to correct plumbing work)

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS - PENALTY PAYMENTS

for the Chairman's signature & filing?

8. Reporting payment of \$225. restitution on 5-06-2009 & Penalty payment of \$750.00 on 5-06-09 regarding WILLIAM TORRENS, LMP # 9481 - CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers ("the Board") upon receipt of complaints from three (3) separate consumers. According to the first complaint filed by BT and HT, the respondent, Torrens, who is a 100 percent owner of the franchise All Clear, contracted with homeowners BT and HT to repair a clog or leak in the drain pipe, which the homeowners noticed when the laundry sink in the basement began to back up.

Respondent dispatched a serviceman, Brian Kaiser, an unlicensed employee, and a helper, name unknown. These servicemen suggested jetting instead of snaking the line, began by jack-hammering the basement and created a hole approximately eight by four feet. In the course of this work, they broke the pipe. The servicemen then estimated the new repairs to cost \$2,500. When these servicemen failed to show up on time, and after 33 hours without water, the consumers dismissed All Clear from the job.

On October 27, 2005, the consumer (BT) and respondent appeared at an investigative inquiry before the Board. The consumer testified that during the entire time All Clear performed services at her home, she never met the Respondent. During the respondent's testimony, he acknowledged that Brian Kaiser, the employee he sent to the BT job was an unlicensed employee. The Respondent admitted that he was not at the BT property during the time services were rendered, and explained that he had been in contact with Kaier by phone during the job.

According to the 2nd complaint filed by DB on behalf of JB (deceased), Respondent contracted with JB on October 27, 2006, to fix a radiator pipe. Respondent sent a serviceman who repaired the leak but left bread in the pipe. On October 30, 2006, JB called All Clear and advised them that the radiator was not getting hot. Respondent sent a serviceman to examine and repair the problem, free of charge. In December of 2007, when JB called All Clear and advised them again that there is no heat, Respondent refused to service the problem and accept responsibility for the problem.

According to the 3rd complaint filed by MC, Respondent contracted with MC to identify and fix a problem causing the basement to flood. Respondent sent a technician who identified the problem as a blocked sewer

line and attempted an electric snake repair. However, the further the technician extended the snake, the more water rushed into the basement, and the technician mentioned that the problem might be with the public sewer.

Once the city fixed the public sewer, water stopped rushing into the basement, but the servicemen was unable to remove the snake from the pipe. The Respondent arrived to assist the serviceman in removing the snake, however, the pipe collapsed, and the cost to repair it was \$5,778.00. These facts establish a basis for disciplinary action pursuant to NJSA 45:1-21c and (d) in that Respondent engaged in gros or repeated acts of negligence, malpractice or incompetence.

- 1. Respondent is reprimanded for his actions.
- 2. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$750.00 for failing to remove the bread from JB's radiator pipe.
- 3. Respondent shall reimburse DB in the amount of \$225.00.
- 4. Respondent shall cease and desist fro the above violations. 5. Failure to comply with any of the terms of this Order may constitute the basis for further disciplinary action, including but not limited to, suspension or revocation of Respondent's master plumber's license and imposition of further monetary penalties.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Complaints submitted to the Board in Open Public Session at the May 28, 2009, Meeting, by the New Jersey State League of Master Plumbers/Salem Cumberland Plumbers Association, and Gary Italiano of the Plumbing Licensing Enforcement Committee (PLEC) were reviewed on June 25, 2009 in Executive Closed Session.

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It is noted that applications for the Master Plumber's examination, Master Plumber's business registration forms, and Bona fide Representative registrations are reviewed by Board Members during the course of each business meeting.

Applications for Medical Gas Piping installers, brazers and instructors are also reviewed at this time.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION MOTION:

A motion was made by Michael Maloney and seconded by Ralph Wetzel to proceed into Executive Closed Session to review ten (10) complaint matters, unlicensed advertisements and unlicensed practice matters, disciplinary matters arising from the CE audit, consider administrative closings, investigations of possible violations of applicable law, pending or anticipated litigation, matters under investigation, the DAG caseload, and review matters within the attorney-client relationship exception to the Open Public Meetings Act. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

The subject of this discussion shall remain confidential until such time as the reasons for having this matter in Executive Closed Session are no longer applicable. The next regularly scheduled meeting is for July 23, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in the Hudson Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence DeMarzo, Deputy Director Division of Consumer Affairs