

Draft Minutes

Saratoga Springs Board of Plumbing Examiners

Meeting of November 16, 2018

Present: Board members Patrick Cogan, Bill Benton, Kevin Potter, Matt Zeno

Also present, Mayor Meg Kelly, Vincent DeLeonardis, and Anthony Izzo (also acting as clerk)

Meeting called to order at 4:01 PM

Motion by P. Cogan to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 26. Seconded by B. Benton. Ayes all.

The Board Reviewed the first completed written examination. 35 questions, with questions 1-10 requiring written responses (5 points each) and questions 11-25 multiple choice (2 points each) for a total of 100 possible points on the exam. The Board is comfortable with this format. Questions 1-10 may be given partial credit in proper cases.

The board reviewed the questions in the order they appear on the exam. All questions and the format were found acceptable. P. Cogan moved to accept and approve the first examination in all respects. M. Zeno seconded. Ayes all.

B. Benton stated he has not yet finalized his discussions with BOCES for their giving the practical part of the exam, but that BOCES representatives seemed very much interested in doing so.

The Board discussed the form of the application and the form of the licenses and permits to be issued. M. Kelly stated that meetings will be necessary with members of the Accounts Dept. and City Clerk. They will be the office that issues the licenses and permits following the Board's authorization. Amounts of fees discussed. P. Cogan stated he has found records indicating that the fee for a resident plumbing license was \$100.00 many years ago. Board discussed possible fees of \$150.00 to take the exam, and that fee would include one retake, if necessary, within three months. Also, if a candidate fails twice in one year, he or she should have to wait one year before the next retake.

Discussion of procedures to set fees. Board noted that current City Code Chapter 171 establishes fees in the code. More recent procedures establish in each code section that fees will be set by resolution of the City Council from time to time.

Discussion of General City Law Section 57 and the option of opting out of state law requirements through a Home Rule request to the State Legislature. This would free city from statewide requirements relative to the licensing of plumbers. Board noted that several cities including New York City, Schenectady, Binghamton, Poughkeepsie and Glens Falls now have such an exemption.

Next steps: City Attorneys will draft an entirely revised Chapter 171 to reflect the Board's concepts. Need distinction between resident license and nonresident permit, as

well as possible recognition of master plumbers from adjoining municipalities. Meetings will be scheduled with Accounts Dept./City Clerk.

Next meeting date December 7 at 4:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned 5:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted'

Anthony J. Izzo, Acting Clerk to the Board

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