

City of Cortland
Examining Board of Plumbers

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Code Enforcement Office, City Hall
Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 4:00 pm

Members of the Board:

Mark Baranello, Chairman	present
James Romer, Master Plumber	absent
Gary Howe, Journeyman	absent
Chris Bistocchi, DPW Superintendent	present
Deputy Fire Chief William Knickerbocker, Plumbing Inspector	present

Meeting Called to Order: 4:20 PM

Agenda

- Approval of Minutes from November 16, 2011
Motion by William Knickerbocker to approve the minutes. Seconded by Chris Bistocchi. UNANIMOUS.
- Renewal Status: Renewal applications that have been sent to in to date.
- Backflow Devices: Discussion regarding the inspection of backflow devices. Chris Bistocchi, Superintendent of Public Works explains that in August 2011, the backflow inspector for the City resigned leaving no one certified to inspect backflow devices. These devices are required to be inspected by NYS Department of Health once a year. Discussion regarding opening the inspection of these devices to certified testers. C. Bistocchi discusses with the Board opening this up to the plumbers so the policy states that that the owner will be required to have the devices tested. This would require homeowners choose a licensed tester from a list that can be provided from the City water department or DOH. The owner would be responsible for any testing fees and any repairs and all repairs would be performed by licensed plumbers. The Water Department would be required to enforce the testing of any backflow devices and any noncompliant owners. Discussion regarding the next step in this process.
- Training, Wisconsin. William Knickerbocker states that he has previously attended this school. It is an engineering school but it is well worth it. W. Knickerbocker explains that our office has some inexperienced officers and we would like to send them to make sure they have the training they need.
- Flood Zone Installations. This item was on the last agenda and went to the Council for resolution. The resolution was approved. Brief overview is that any heating equipment installed in a flood zone should try to get the maximum height, a sump pump should be installed and a GFI.

- Habitat House, Harvey Goyette, This was also on the last agenda. Mr. Goyette asked to have his license fee waived so that Boces could work on a Habitat for Humanity house. Council waived the fee..
- **Motion by William Knickerbocker to adjourn this meeting. Seconded by Mark Baranello. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

Meeting Adjourned: 5:20 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Shelley A. Knickerbocker