

PLUMBING COMMISSION
January 18, 2017

Members Present: Steve Heidler
Daniel Seckman
Greg Mahon
Jim Scardina

County: Larry Parsons
Bruce Henkel

Secretary: Barbara Zimmerman

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 am.

Utility Contractors Exam

Two (2) exam applications were reviewed and approved by the Plumbing Commission.

Year-End Report

The year-end report was submitted as written with a few add-ons by the Chief of Licensing.

Utilities

- The new certified user connection fees were put in place on November 15, 2016. Fees are based on previous year. Eighty percent (80%) of all permits receive refunds.
- Mayo tanks - The Mayo expansion project running from Quiet Waters Park through the South River is expected to be complete in the next few months.

Disposal

- A meeting was held among disposal contractors to discuss the continuing problem regarding the dumping station at Cox Creek. The station is closed Sundays, holidays and at 3:00 pm at Saturday. There is no place to take waste during off-hours except Essex. The contractors would like the County to make it easier to dump legally.
- The cost per gallon to dump is high compared to other jurisdictions.
- Freezing in trucks is a problem in the winter.

- It was suggested that a log be kept by the contractors of off-hour pick-ups to build a case for having pump stations open.
- A letter of concern to Public Works will be drafted.

Inspections & Permits

- New hires – A new inspector started last week; one more position will be posted shortly; one position was eliminated by Personnel.
- Inspections should stay on-track and take place the next day after called in.

Residential Water Heaters

- A letter from DLLR was received by Steve Heidler in response to his inquiry regarding installation of “light commercial” water heaters in residential homes. After the Board reviewed literature from several manufacturers, it is believed that it is not the intent of water heater manufacturers to bypass compliance with NAECA III code.
- There are still concerns regarding 85 gallon Marathon heaters meeting the code. Electrical elements may not meet electrical requirements. NAECA regulations state water heaters over 55 gallons cannot be installed in a residential home.
- The County has no issue in the matter – water heaters can be “light commercial” or residential to pass inspection as long as the manufacturers specs meet residential use.

Without further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 am.