

Electrical Board Meeting
January 24, 2023
8am @ Norwich Fire Station

Present:

R. Barnes	Fire Chief J. Papelino
T. Mealey	A. Donnison
R. Hart	D. Smith
Ald. D. Zieno	H. Cole

R. Barnes opened the meeting at 9:10am to discuss the status of the shortage of electrical license holders and to discuss how to best address the situation moving forward.

A. Donnison provided all the members with minutes from 2022 as well as the proposal that was sent to the Common Council that made a modification to the persons eligible to take the electrical exam. This proposal was tabled for unknown reasons.

R. Barnes stated that Oneonta and Binghamton are now performing background checks for all license applicants. It is uncertain if there is a separate fee for these background checks. Discussion followed regarding is that a step Norwich wants to pursue. How many master license holders does Oneonta and Binghamton currently have?

In regard to adding a test there was much discussion on what kind of test, what would the qualifications be, would insurance coverage be the same as all others, should there be different levels if there is a residential license created? No decisions were made but ideas were discussed and additional information will be obtained by R. Barnes from the City of Oneonta to present at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Ald. D. Zieno. Seconded by T. Mealey at 9:30am.