

Electrical Board Meeting
April 11, 2023
8am @ Norwich Fire Station

Present:

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

R. Barnes updated the board that Caleb has taken the electrical exam 2 times and needs to retest again. He received a printout of weak areas so he could better prepare. T. Mealey asked how many times he can take it. A. Donnison stated that when digital testing was established it was approved that an applicant could take the test 4 times in a year from the date of testing approval – he has 2 more times left over the next several months. A. Donnison noted that 2 others have applied to take the electrical exam.

R. Barnes gave an update on the status of reciprocating licenses with the City of Oneonta. They have stopped all walk-in reciprocating renewals and now require each application from Norwich (and other communities) to fill out an additional application that will be reviewed by their board. If their board does not have any issues or concerns with the applicant, then they will be approved for another reciprocating license. The reason for this change is that Oneonta had a couple of contractors that they had reciprocating licenses from that did not follow their rules and did poor work.

R. Barnes inquired about some master license holders who list several people as apprentices as well as listing several journey license holders. He believes this is in violation of the electrical code. D. Smith explained that just because a master lists a dozen employees as journey license holders – if they do not hold a license here then we do not count them as such, and they are not on our journey list as license holders. For the purposes of our system they are counted as apprentices because they have not tested here nor provided proof of holding a journey in either Oneonta or Binghamton to obtain a reciprocating license.

Discussion of a limited residential electrical exam ensued. R. Barnes went to an Oneonta Electrical Board meeting and noted that they required 5 year's experience to sit for the exam. Oneonta also has written their own exam and grades same. It is an in house annual exam. Discussion about what specific work would be allowed under a limited residential license and it was determined more information for how the process would flow was needed.

The next meeting of the board is tentatively made for May 16, 2023 at 8am at the Fire station 2nd floor.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Ald. D. Zieno. Seconded by T. Mealey at 9:15am.