

City of Reading Pennsylvania The quarterly meeting of the City of Reading Plumbing Board Of Examiners and Standards was convened in the Penn Room in City Hall as mandated by the City of Reading Plumbing Ordinance at 4:00 PM on Wednesday December 4th 2019.

Members present: Will Gernert, Steve Fisher, Chad Spohn, Barry Unger, Frank Forster and the City of Reading Plumbing Inspector Jay Montgomery.

Members absent: Brian Miller and Chip Fegley.

Jorge Alberto Balanco made his intentions known that he wanted to take the Master Plumber's examination. Mr Blanco holds a 2019 City of Reading Mechanical License.

However, he did not provide any documentation for plumbing training or work experience. The board referred him back to plumbing inspector Jay Montgomery to explain the required documentation.

Members of the Reading Berks Advisory Board attended the Plumbing Board Meeting. Berks Career and Technology wants to reduce the number of yearly school hours required for the journeyman plumbing program. If agreed upon it would require a change in the City Plumbing Ordinance.

A discussion was held as to whether the Advisory Board would recommend a merger with an other program (ABC) or to start a school on their own.

Discussions also included the requirements of a "Program Sponsor", tracking of apprentice field hours and, checking on apprentice indenture papers.

Bill Murray of the Reading Water Authority also attended the meeting and expressed the Authority's concern on the number of lead water services that remain in Reading. He would like to see a program established that would provide for free water service replacements for home owners that could not afford the cost of replacements. He mentioned that the FDA has grants available for lead water service replacements.

The next scheduled meeting is to be held on Wednesday March 4th.

Having no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Steve Fisher, Board Secretary