

**MANATEE COUNTY CONSTRUCTION TRADES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, Florida
July 26, 2017**

Present were:

George "Bill" Tolson, First Vice-Chairman
Dale Cheetham
William J. Hennel
Howard Jensen

Absent was/were:

William Edwards, Chairman
Albert Benincasa, Second-Vice Chairman
Stephen Hicks

Also present was:

Geoffrey Nichols, Assistant County Attorney
Quantana Acevedo, Deputy Clerk, Clerk of the Circuit Court



The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

First Vice-Chairman Tolson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared.

All witnesses and staff giving testimony were duly sworn.

AGENDA

CT20170726DOC001

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES



A motion was made by Member Hennel, seconded by Member Jensen and carried 4-0, with Members Benincasa, Edwards, and Hicks absent, to approve the minutes of April 26, 2017.

DISCIPLINARY CASES

2. APPENDIX A, VIOLATION SUMMARY

A summary of the violations was provided with the agenda.

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3. APPENDIX B, ADVERTISEMENT

A copy of the Bradenton Herald advertisement was provided with the agenda. CT20170726DOC003





Deanna Ward, Permitting Supervisor, made the following announcements:

4. Noe De La Cruz dba Summer Kool Heating & Air LLC – License CAC1817891, Case 201701016, Permit 16040913 has been closed CT20170726DOC004
5. Joseph Frick dba Unique Service – License EC13002942, Case 201701172 has complied CT20170726DOC005
6. Travis Hill dba T. I. Hill Construction – License CGC1507489, Case 201701141, Permit 14050170 has been added CT20170726DOC006


12. Spiro Paizes dba Sarasota Construction and Remodel – License CAC1817880, Cases 201701044 and 201701243 was given the opportunity for a rehearing but was not present and the order from April 26, 2017 stands CT20170726DOC007

Noe De La Cruz dba Summer Kool Heating & Air LLC – License CAC1817891, Case 201701016

 Deanna Ward, Permitting Supervisor, reviewed the open permits and proposed recommended motion.


 Noe De La Cruz, contractor, explained he is unable to close the permit. The current homeowner has not responded to calls, because he is out of town (the previous homeowner paid for the work).

Discussion ensued about contacting the homeowner in order to close the permit, letters from staff went unanswered by contractor, permit 16040913 was issued in April 12, 2016 and is now closed, plans to resolve the issue (will send a certified letter), and a suggested motion.

 After reviewing the case file, having heard the case presentation by staff, and being fully informed on the matter; Member Jensen moved that the CTB enter the documents presented into evidence, adopt staff's findings of fact and recommendations and find the contractor in violation by clear and convincing evidence. The motion was seconded by Member Cheetham and carried 4-0, with Members Benincasa, Edwards, and Hicks absent.


First Vice-Chairman advised Mr. De La Cruz that he has 14 days to clear up the matter, pay the fees, and supply a copy of the certified letter and mail receipt to staff. CT20170726DOC004

Travis Hill dba T. I. Hill Construction – License CGC1507489, Case 201701141

 Ms. Ward reviewed the open permits. As of today, July 26, 2017, the listed violations remain for open for the expired permits, and the recommended motion for disciplinary action will be the same. Upon question, Ms. Ward confirmed Mr. Hill's license is current. She introduced Chris and Cathy Cooper who contracted with Mr. Hill to build a pool (permit 14050170) and has since abandoned the job.

Chris and Cathy Cooper, homeowners, relayed their history with Mr. Hill, and that they have pursued terminating Mr. Hill as their pool contractor. They are still working on the completion of their home and have taken over this permit. The pool permit remains in Mr. Hill's name, and they are unable to transfer this permit until he removes his name from the permit. They have hired a certified pool contractor who is willing to finish the job but cannot move forward until they are able to transfer the pool permit to their name. Due to a legal battle, they have not had any communication with Mr. Hill.

Discussion proceeded about the hiring of a licensed pool contractor (DuWet Pools), deck has been poured, there is no water in the pool, engineering for the stem wall, homeowners are unsure if the pool is in a flood zone, homeowners are working with staff in order to transfer the pool permit to their names, and staff's recommended motion.

 After reviewing the case file, having heard the case presentation by staff, and being fully informed on the matter (especially by the homeowners); Member Hennel moved that the CTB enter the documents presented into evidence, adopt staff's findings of fact and recommendations and find the contractor in violation by clear and convincing evidence. The

motion was seconded by Member Cheetham and carried 4-0, with Members Benincasa, Edwards, and Hicks absent.

Brief discussion took place about Mr. Hill having 14 days to close the permit. CT20170726DOC006



Ms. Ward stated the below cases have open and expired building permits that have been reviewed and as of July 26, 2017, the listed violations still remain. Recommended motion for disciplinary action will be the same:

7. **William Rusaw dba AC Coastal LLC – License CFC1429375, Case 201701223** CT20170726DOC008
8. **Richard Shaffer dba Ace Aluminum & Construction – License CRC1329266, Case 201701226** CT20170726DOC009
9. **Robert Smith dba Smitty’s Air Conditioning, Inc. – License CAC056340, Case 201701058** CT20170726DOC010
10. **Steven Taranto dba Atlantic Heating & Cooling – License CAC1818180, Case 201703001** CT20170726DOC011
11. **Winston Tilley dba Sun State Roofing & Repair – License CCC1325798, Case 201701098** CT20170726DOC012



After reviewing the case files, having heard the case presentation by staff and being fully informed on the matter; Member Cheetham moved that the CTB enter the documents presented into evidence, adopt staff’s findings of fact and recommendations and find each contractor in violation by clear and convincing evidence. The motion was seconded by Member Hennel and carried 4-0, with Members Benincasa, Edwards, and Hicks absent.

13. **SPECIAL HEARING CERTIFIED LETTERS**

Copies of the certified letters to the licensees/contractors of record were provided with the agenda. CT20170726DOC0013

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2017. Member Tolson announced he will not be attendance.

ADJOURN



There being no further business, Chairman Edwards adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

Minutes Approved: August 9, 2017