

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH REVIEW BOARD

MINUTES OF MARCH 29th MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. Present at said meeting were the following members and employees of Occupational Safety:

Jerry Squatrito, Marie Stoeckel, Mike D'Amico, Jack King , Charles Nardone, Joe Medeiros

Ben Anthony, Jim Larisa and Elaine Albanese.

The purpose of this meeting was to hear a presentation from Ben Anthony, Chief Boiler Inspector regarding a change in the procedure of billing of inspections of certain objects that are inspected every two to three years. Ben stated that low pressure boilers and hot water heaters needed to be physically inspected every two years and air tanks are to be physically inspected every three years, but they are all billed on a yearly basis. He thought that a one time fee should be considered which said practice would be beneficial for all concerned. The board thought that some customers may complain, but Ben did an informal a survey of approximately 60 business owners and they all stated that it would not be a financial hardship to pay this fee up front and would actually eliminate any fiscal problems (like forgetting to pay the invoice and not remembering the reason why they received it in the first place even though an actual inspection did not take place).

One of the board members asked Ben what types of places are currently inspected. He stated to the board members that is was all commercial buildings and place of public which also includes restaurants. The wording in the Boiler Rules and Regulations are vague and needs clarifying and changes in order to include more places of public assembly such as bars, lounges, etc. are needed for safety reasons. He asked for guidance through the board as to what other locations should be inspected.

After discussions among others members concerning inspections of places of public assembly, and concerns about notifying the state regarding new installations, Ben said that he has a working relationship with all local fire marshals and local mechanical inspectors. Marie Stoeckel stated that the Health Department has a website with all listings of restaurants which can be utilized by this division which will prove beneficial.

Ben stated that the Rules and Regulations within the Boiler Unit need revamping and clarification, and he would review and highlight those items of concern and bring it before the board at another time. Hopefully within the next few months, there will be further discussion about reviewing and updating the current Boiler Rules and Regulations.

A motion was made and seconded, to allow the approval of billing on

a yearly basis for those boiler objects that are inspected on a two or three year basis.

Ben will draft up the correct wording to be submitted and pass it along to the Administrator of Occupational Safety for approval and send to public hearing. Said copies will be distributed to the board after completion.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.