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MONTHLY MEETING

DATE: February 04, 2010

TIME: 11:45 AM

PLACE:

**Biaggi's Restaurant
20560 N. Rand Road
Deer Park, IL**

For Directions Call:
847-438-1850

Cost: \$20.00

Program:

The guest speaker for our General Membership Meeting will be:

Terry Murphy from Meyer Material, Inc.

Terry will be discussing the ins and outs of "Cold Weather Concrete".

Come join us and learn about what we should look for when inspecting concrete poured during the cold weather months here in Northern Illinois!

President's Letter

By Dale Engebretson

Happy New Year!

Changing the calendar often brings hope for many people. Unfortunately 2009 was a tough year. We witnessed municipalities cut staff and departments. Most of us blessed to remain employed saw our budgets cut. These unfortunate events affected NWBOCA as well. Since becoming president, I have received calls from some of you asking how we can make attendance affordable during this financial crunch. I assure you the board of directors will be discussing some options at our next board meeting. Training is more important now than ever and I feel we need to do what we can to get applicable training for our members. Please feel free to contact me by email or phone with any suggestions to make NWBOCA a valuable asset to you and your municipality.

It was unfortunate that our first meeting of 2010 was blemished by a few snowflakes. I want to offer a special thanks to Don Plass for winging the swearing in of Troy Perrin and Robb Durning. I encourage everyone to consider seeking professional development through obtaining ICC certifications. Upon reviewing the results from John Jones' certification award program, the board decided to continue the program for another year. By the way in case you didn't hear, the final tally was new 16 ICC certifications! I think that is proof that of our commitment to elevating professionalism in the code development industry. Let see if we can hit 24...no 26 in 2010.

"Arriving at one goal is the starting point to another". ~John Dewey

I look forward to seeing all of you at the February general meeting.

Dale

Monthly Meeting Minutes
by John Pabien for James Crary, Jr.

Call to Order:

By President Engebretson at 12:10 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Members:

- 25 Members, 3 guests, and 1 speaker in attendance.

Motion to Approve of General Meeting Minutes:

- Director Ken Foody made a motion to accept the minutes of the December, 2009 meeting and seconded by Don Steve Cutaia. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report – Engebretson

- President Engebretson recognized the past presidents in attendance at the meeting.
- The NWBOCA nominating committee accepted Troy Perrin to be a Director-at-Large subject to approval by the general membership. Steve Cutaia made a motion to accept Troy and was seconded by Director Ken Foody, the motion passed unanimously to accept Troy, welcome aboard Troy! Both Troy Perrin and Rob Durning (who was not in attendance at the December general meeting to be sworn in as Vice President) were sworn in by Past President Don Plass.
- Director Ken Foody wishes to extend his membership and board position beyond the 45 days after leaving Lincolnwood. Roger Fox made a motion and seconded by John Jones to extend Ken's membership to the next election cycle date at the December, 2010 general meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
- President Engebretson indicated he wishes to extend the ICC Certification awards program to 2010. With 16 newly reported certifications in 2009 the board felt the program was a complete success.
- President Engebretson suggested a future brainstorm session to address municipal employee reduction, a stronger organization with a net-working initiative. Roger Fox of B/F Technical mentioned they have a program for code enforcement persons who have been laid off whereby the individual may take up to 3 free B/F classes to maintain their certifications while they are laid off. It was suggested this be noted in the next NWBOCA newsletter.

- There is significant activity with ICC and State of Illinois and Federal pending legislation and President Engebretson suggested we let our federal and state representatives know our position on these important issues as they have a direct impact on our municipal and industry jobs.

Vice President's Report – Durning

- Vice President Rob Durning reported as of December 29, 2009 NWBOCA has \$27,271.68 in the general fund.
- Durning also mentioned that McHenry County College is offering a 2009 IECC seminar for the Residential and the Commercial 2009 IECC at the Crystal Lake Campus. The Commercial seminar will be February 25, 2010 and the Residential seminar will be April 1, 2010 both from 9AM to 4PM. The cost for each is \$55 which includes a continental breakfast and lunch and the 2009 IECC book. If you already have the 2009 IECC deduct \$30.00. Call Ruth @ 815.479.7879 for more info or call 815-455-8588 to register. Courses are eligible for CEU's.

Treasurer's Report – Foody, reported by Durning

Gen. Fund Bal. as of 1/1/10	38,757.92
Checking Acct. Bal. as of 1/1/10	23,570.01

Income:	
1/4/10 Deposit	1,575.00
1/8/10 Deposit	1,760.00

Total Income	3,335.00
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Expenses:	
1/7/10 Check #2107 Harper College November School	10,203.29
1/5/10 Check #2108 Merchut & Merchut November School Books	1,120.00
1/9/10 Check #2109 John Jones Mail Box Renewal	110.00
1/11/10 Check #2110 Biaggi's Restaurant January Meeting	685.80
1/8/10 Bank Debit	170.00

Total Expenses	12,289.09
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Checking Acct. Bal. as of 1/21/10	14,615.92
Money Market Account Balance	10,052.89
CD Account	5,104.10
Petty Cash	50.00
Gen. Fund Bal. as of 1/21/10	29,822.91

Past President's Report – Jones

- Past President Jones stated that the Illinois general assembly passed Senate Bill 133 effective 1/1/2010 which requires municipalities with 50 or more employees to post or publish the ADA Coordinator who is responsible for coordination and investigation of complaints of ADA compliance.

Membership Report – Regner

- Director Foody mentioned the deadline for forwarding 2010 NWBOCA membership renewal form is March 1st.
- Director Foody mentioned the ICC will continue offering National Certification examinations based on the 2006 International Codes throughout 2010 (entire year), via Paper-and-Pencil only. The examinations will be offered nationwide on a quarterly basis. The local site is McHenry County College in Crystal Lake. Dates may be found in the ICC certification bulletin or on the website.

Membership Services Report – Kunz

- No report at this time.

Bylaws and Policy Report – Perrin

- Director Pabian read the proposed change to the NWBOCA By-Laws for publication in the next newsletter that will be placed on the February 4, 2010 agenda for vote by general membership. The proposed change reads as follows:

Section 802 BENEFIT TO ANY INDIVIDUAL

802.2 Compensation to active elected or appointed NWBOCA board members:

- Active elected or appointed NWBOCA board members are committed to the service of the NWBOCA membership. In recognition for their dedicated service active NWBOCA board members are not required to reimburse the organization for any regular meeting dues and one NWBOCA sponsored school day.

ICC Report – Don Plass

- The Elevator Safety Act was amended early last year by ICCA Lobbyists', Margaret Vaughn and Don Plass. Seven meetings were held with the OSFM Elevator staff and their Corporation Counsels, Labor Relations Board, Elevator Contractors, and State Legislators to agree on the changes to the law.

- Some significant changes were:
 - No time requirement for replacing single wall hydraulic cylinders.
 - No time requirement for Fire Recall.
 - Actual municipal representation on the Elevator Safety Review Board-not just elevator union members. One has been appointed (Doug Jones of Schaumburg) two more are to be appointed.
 - Changed the makeup of the Board to include other public interests.
 - A requirement for an actual number of Board Members to be present for a quorum.
 - Variations may be granted by the Local Authority.
- The Illinois Energy Efficient Building Act (IEEBA) requires that the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) be enforced as of August 18, 2009 for all commercial projects that require a permit. The Residential part of the IEEBA has been signed by the Governor, but the Rules regarding the regulation/enforcement of the Act have not been approved by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) as of yet. When they are submitted, Emergency Rules will be requested for 150 days while the Rules are being reviewed by JCAR. When the Rules are submitted that is the time when the '2009 IECC will be enforceable. This should be during the week of January 18th. Don Plass will be providing updates on the Illinois Residential Code as they become available. Currently funding is not available for training by the Illinois Department of Economic Opportunity (IDCE), who is the Administrator of the Act.
- On January 2, 2010, Governor Pat Quinn announced the appointment of fire service veteran and current Northern Illinois OSFM Administrator Larry Matkaitis to the position of Illinois State Fire Marshal. Matkaitis has served as the Northern Regional Administrator for the OSFM for the last five years, prior to that he had served over 30 years on the Chicago Fire Department.

ICC Volunteer Hours Report - Charlie Poterek:

- Charlie Poterek reported NWBOCA has over 1700 volunteer hours recorded with ICC and we are number one chapter in the country with Tom Kunz leading with over 900 volunteer hours.

ICC Report - Bob Neale

- No report at this time.

Adjournment for lunch - 12:23 PM.

Reconvened meeting - 1:03 PM

Programs Report – Pabien

- Director Pabian stated that the continuing education hour's certificates for NWBOCA members obtained during 2009 will be mailed shortly.
- Director Pabian asked membership for their input regarding suggestions for presentations for monthly meeting and the fall school.
- Terry Murphy of Meyer Material Company is scheduled to make a presentation on cold weather placement of concrete at the February 4, 2010 monthly meeting. Concrete contractors are welcome to attend this meeting.
- Director Pabian introduced Kelly Reynolds of Kelly P. Reynolds & Associates, Building Code Consultants. Kelly gave a presentation of significant changes to the 2009 I-Codes. Following the presentation Kelly was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a small gift.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Motion to adjourn:

- Roger Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by David Fisher. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30PM.



Kelly Reynolds outlining 2009 ICC Changes



John presenting Kelly with a certificate of appreciation

Monthly Reports, Outlined Above

Membership Services

- The new Residential Energy Conservation Code has yet to go through JCAR in Springfield. As of yet the law has not been implemented. Check here for further information.
- The Northwest Building Officials and Code Administrators Board of Directors voted at the January board meeting to reduce the fees charged for the Luncheon Seminars to \$15.00 starting with the March 4, 2010 luncheon in order to help those individuals and municipalities cope with our current economy. We the boards of directors hope this will help. **Remember, this starts March 04, 2010.**

IECC Residential and Commercial Energy classes.

- McHenry County College is offering the Residential, #UBC U36001, and Commercial, #UBC U35001, Getting to Know the IECC 2009 Energy code. The speaker will be Donald Fournier of the University of Illinois at Champaign Urbana. The commercial seminar is offered Feb. 25 from 9-4 pm while the residential seminar is offered on April 1 from 9-4 pm. This includes continental breakfast and full lunch. The cost for each seminar is \$55.00. If you already own the IECC 2009 code book there is a \$30.00 discount. To register call 815.455.8588. For further info call Ruth Kormanac @815.479.7879. Hope to see you there!
- B&F Technical Codes Services is offering up to three continuing education classes for those who may be out of a job, "**free of charge.**" Contact B&F @ 847.490.1443 for further information.

• Employment Opportunities

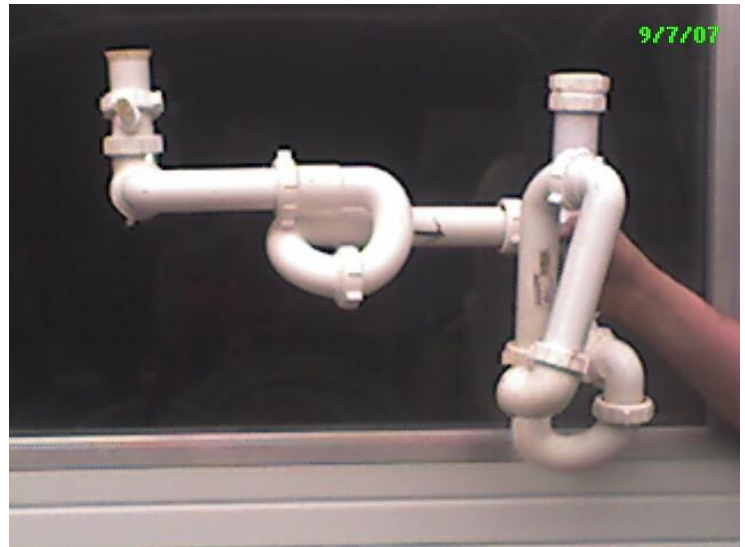
- For complete job descriptions and requirements please check web postings, ICC job site, or the local municipality's website.

Code Enforcement Corner, Why We Have Really Inspector's!

Send us your pictures of what you find out there to show why we are inspectors. thomasp.kunz@gmail.com



No drain around, use the toilet. No drip leg on the gas either.



This was removed from a kitchen sink. Had a few parts left over? Why not just use them?



**Retaining wall installed without a permit.
Glad I don't live below!**