

**SKILLED TRADES REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 20, 2017**

The Skilled Trades Review Board had their first meeting at 757 Carolyn Avenue at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20, 2017.

The following duly appointed members were present:

Dennis Hartz
Jay Hill
Tim Hoover
Ralph Landers, Jr.
Michael Watkins
George Wenger
Patty Spangler, Chairperson

Also present:

Jim Richardson, Board Secretary
Allie Pickerill, City Attorney
Hal Richard, Representative Department of Public Utilities-Sewerage & Drainage Division

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by **Chairperson Patty Spangler**

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2017 meeting on a motion by **Mr. Hoover** and a second by **Mr. Wenger**.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board had four complaints before them. The notice sent to **Depriest Sales, Sewers & Drains by Depriest Sales** was returned with the notice “Attempted – Not known-Unable to Forward” and the notice sent to **Shannon Summers, Summers Mechanical Contracting** was not returned and as of the date of the meeting, was not updated on the USPS website.

The Board tabled these cases to allow for one additional notification attempt.

The first complaint heard before the Board was a complaint filed by **Louis Dearman, Construction Inspector II**, against **Nuway Services, Inc.** The License Holder for Nuway Services, Inc., **Kristopher McInturff**, was present for the meeting. Inspector Dearman’s complaint states that on September 6, 2017 he noticed the connection of the new pipe to the extension wobbled a little. He asked the contractor to pull the pipe apart. The new pipe had not been beveled. This caused the gasket to dislodge and slide inside the pipe. Further investigation revealed gaskets had been removed from the fittings, tees and pipe. The Board asked Mr. McInturff what, if anything, had been done to correct these types of violations. Mr. McInturff stated that Nuway had a company-wide, four-hour shutdown on a Friday with the entire company, where they started with safety and went through best practices for quality workmanship. With demos on proper techniques for installing pipe, checking grades, preparing roadbeds for dirt work operations. The company went over everything they do, A through Z. Every employee had to sign the attendance sheet, that they were at the meeting and they understand Code and Conduct. After further discussion with Mr. McInturff and with the Inspector, questions and discussion by the Board, **Mr. Hartz** made a motion that Nuway Services, Inc. did not install the gaskets and pipes correctly and according to Code. **Mr. Hoover** seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED** Due to the fact that Nuway did not install the pipes and gaskets properly, **MS. SPANGLER** made a motion that Nuway is **GUILTY** of violating **City of Columbus Construction and Material Specifications Section 901.13 – Install gaskets in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendation and ASTM D3212 – A joint must meet a 10.8 psi pressure test. A joint must be: soil tight, silt tight, leak resistant and the gaskets shall be part of a complete pipe section...** **MR. HILL** seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.** Being that there is

a second complaint filed against Nuway Services, **Chairperson Spangler** made a motion to table the penalty until they have heard both complaints. **Mr. Hartz** seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

The second complaint against Nuway Services was filed by **Dennis Kuhlen, Construction Inspector I**. Inspector Kuhlken's complaint states that on September 6, 2017 he was dispatched to 1936 McKinley Avenue to check the installation of two catch basins and an oil separator. Upon his arrival he observed the catch basins, oil separator and 76 feet of SDR pipe had been placed and buried with no inspection. The work appeared to be recent but their permit expired on June 10, 2017. After they were made aware, they secured a new permit and all the pipe and structures were removed/excavated and reinstalled. After questions and discussion by the Board, Mr. McInturff and Inspector Kuhlken, **Mr. Landers** made a motion that Nuway Services installed catch basins, oil separators and SDR pipe without permits or notifications. **Chairperson Spangler** seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**. Due to the fact that Nuway did these things, **Chairperson Spangler** made a motion that Nuway Services be found **GUILTY** of violating the **City of Columbus Code Sections(s) 1133.07 – Permits and 1133.10 – Notification for Inspection**. **Mr. Hill** seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**. **Chairperson Spangler** made a motion to table any disciplinary discussion for this particular contractor to the next meeting. **Mr. Watkins** seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

OPEN DISCUSSION OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The Board then had an open discussion on the practices and procedures of City Boards and actions that can be taken against a contractor.

OLD BUSINESS:

- N/A

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Mr. Landers** made a motion to adjourn at 3:09 p.m. **Mr. Hill Hoover** seconded.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

Patty Spangler, Chairperson

Jim Richardson, Acting-Secretary