

# Southern Tier Building Officials Association

## April 24, 2019 Quarterly Meeting

Courtland Mini Conference Center, Courtland, NY

The Meeting was brought to order by the President Art Robinson at 12:05 PM and the pledge of allegiance.

New Members – Jim Yarbrough, Rob Fell-DeWalt, Julie Daum and Tom Hayward of the City of Ithaca.

Guest no guest

Tom DiTullio stated that the meeting minutes from the last meeting are on the website.

Motion to accept meeting minutes by Jim Dedrick, seconded by Steve Rafferty, all ayes, minutes accepted.

Treasurer Report: Reading of Treasures report by Dave Sprout,

- Beginning balance December 3, 2018- \$15,795.
- Ending balance on April 8, 2019- \$15,870.89.
- Deposits total for 2019- \$9,925.44.
- Disbursements total for 2019 - \$3,250.00.

Dave stated that out of 130 members last year only 91 have paid so far. Please let's pay our membership dues.

Art Robinson presented a motion to accept Treasures report.

The motion was seconded by Martin Kelly, all ayes, motion carried.

Petitions from the floor, no petitions were presented.

Presidents Report-

- The President noted the passing of a new state law which has empowered the Dpt. Of State Division of Building Standards and Codes to develop and implements oversight of Code enforcement officials, local government and Building inspectors as a third party. There are concerns on whether a complaint from the will be carry more weight than code officials doing their job.
- The president contacted NYSBOC and Dotty Harris to follow up on what the new 2020 code would entail for reference code books verses just electronic web based copies or CD's.
- ICC has proposed and the NY State DBSC has accepted that a premier membership for each municipality with access to all of NYS Codes and ICC supporting book and materials.
- Brent Cross noted that when web based changes to the code adopted can be made quicker and keep members updated, but requires internet connection.
- Kristi Robinson stated that AUTOBOOKS will incorporate any supplements and changes in the code. This is a third-party option.
- Brent Cross and Marty Mosely will continue to investigate if the Chapter can purchase books and CD's as a group with discounted pricing.

- The December conference will be held at Tioga Resort and convention Center at Tioga Downs in Nichols NY. The cost is going to be comparable to last year's cost. The hotel will state rate room block available for \$94/ night. When training completed a save the date will be sent out on list-serve.

1st Vice Presidents Report – Bill Knickerbocker, STBOA will acquire a credit card to assist in booking and payment of some expenses.

Kristi is still managing the STBOA Facebook page.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents Report-

Mike Rangstrom – Next training in Big Flatts.

#### NYSBOC Delegates Report (Brent Cross)

- Attended the NYSBOC Convention
- The delegates review several items, one was the 2018 ICC code part 2 for comments from NYS code official.
- NYSBOC is looking to increase attendance and participation at state wide meetings, the council is looking to do remote telecast via the web and include ability to also converse and vote.

ICC Delegate's Report - Brent Cross, Delegates attended meeting in Utica. STBOA brought the discussion on code books and what will and will not be provided by the state to local municipalities. Steve Williams noted a code change to be implemented as follows; short term rentals to up to 2 rooms and a smaller number of rooms for Bed and Breakfast rentals this will be closer to the 2003 code version.

Marty's topic of assault on code officials was discussed with the 1<sup>st</sup> responder law proposal to provide safety for code officials noted that the local code officials were omitted from the law proposed.

House trap issue was not resolved.

Marty and Brent voiced their concerns to NYS DBSC that the new Oversight division will create an atmosphere of "witch hunts" with code officials just trying to do their job.

Is there going to be a statute of limitations on charges?

#### Education Report- Bill Knickerbocker

- There will be training at June 13ths Quarterly Meeting in Dryden. Check the website for registration and information.

Membership Committee- No new members.

Bylaw Committee: Brent Cross and Kristi Robinson, nothing to report.

Old Business – Please renew membership and pay dues.

Facebook– Not much interest but please go to and like us.

New Business- No new business.

Announcements –

With the new more concentrated review of what your actions are and the new Oversight Division keep your paper work in order and training up to date.

New P.O. box so check out the web site before sending payment. Send to: Southern Tier Building Officials Association, P.O. Box 4406, Ithaca NY 14852.

Next meeting scheduled year end quarterly meeting June 13<sup>th</sup> at Oxbow Rod and Gun Club.

Bruce Bates moved to adjourn at 1:16 PM. Seconded by Steve Fox . All Ayes; motion carried.

TJD 9/24/19