

**WORCESTER COUNTY ELECTRICAL BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 14, 2017**

The Worcester County Electrical Board met on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 in the meeting room of the Isle of Wight County Office Building, 13070 St. Martin's Neck Road, Bishopville, Maryland. Members present were Kenneth Lambertson Sr., Chairman, Carl Smith, Jeffrey Novak, Duane Duncan, Roy Case, Michael Patchett and Steve Kolarik, Members. Also in attendance were Maureen Howarth, County Attorney and Deborah Mooney, License Permit Clerk II, of the Department of Development Review & Permitting (DRP).

The meeting was called to order by Kenneth Lambertson, Sr., Chairman, at 3:16P.M.

The minutes of the last meeting held on January 10, 2017 and the agenda for this meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Carl Smith, seconded by Duane Duncan, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes, as presented.

The following is the Treasurer's Report to be included in the minutes:

The Treasurer's Report for January: the Department issued (64) electrical permits, total revenue collected for electrical permits was \$1600.00. Three (3) new Master Electrician Licenses was issued to Matthew Dillion, Thomas Gargalas and Joel McCollum all three reciprocated with the State of Maryland. The total revenue collected for new electrical licenses was \$300.00. Total revenue for the month of January was \$1900.00.

The Board after reviewing agenda, prior minutes and treasurer's report continued the meeting with the follow up discussion on homeowners having the ability to obtain an electrical permit to do electrical work for improvements on their property. Additional thoughts were shared on the requirement that homeowners take and successfully pass a basic electrical knowledge exam prior to obtaining the permit. A motion was made by Jeffrey Novak for homeowners to successfully pass a basic electrical knowledge exam prior to obtaining a permit. Roy Case seconded the motion, the majority voted no so the motion failed. The discussion continued with considering eliminating the ability for homeowner's to obtain electrical permits. A motion was made by Steve Kolarik to eliminate homeowner electrical permits all together. Duane Duncan seconded the motion, and it passed with a 5 to 2 vote. The Board will prepare a letter to Ed Tudor, Director of Development Review and Permitting with this request, so he can present it at a future County Commissioners meeting for their review and consideration for approval.

Next item of business the Board reviewed how other jurisdictions deal with licensed electricians who have been convicted of a crime. The State law on this topic was also reviewed. Jeffrey Novak made a motion to have the State Law incorporated into the County Code, this motion was seconded by Kenny Lambertson, and unanimously approved by all members. Maureen Howarth, County Attorney, will bring the proper paperwork to request that the State law be added into the County Electrical Code to the next meeting.

The next item of business was reviewing a Memorandum from the Director of Maryland Code Administration on the potential danger in solar tie in to a utility panel. The Board

had some questions on the suggestions that were stated in the Memorandum. The Board will make a list of questions and prepare a letter to Bill Bradshaw, Building Administrator to obtain some clarification on the suggestions before giving their input.

The next item of business was review of an Electrician General License application for Brian Shipe who would like to reciprocate with Worcester County from Wicomico County. After verifying that Mr. Shipe met the criteria, Steve Kolarik made a Motion to approve the license, seconded by Roy Case, and unanimously carried to issue an Electrician General License to Brian Shipe.

**A motion was made by Steve Kolarik, seconded by Duane Duncan and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah Mooney  
License Permit Clerk II