

# BUILDING INSPECTORS ASSN.

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#### ***Onsite Inspection Tour:***

The morning session started with an onsite inspection tour of 4 new homes under construction in the Town of Harrison. Representatives from DSPS were onsite at the homes to discuss plumbing, electrical and building code requirements. Mark Judkins Helpsmeet with Infinity Software Solutions was also onsite at one of the homes to discuss the PermitBase Software package that his company sells for inspection departments. A special thanks to Jack Wotruba, Phil Mnuk, Craig Mulder, and Steve Rasmusson with DSPS for providing the training. A HUGE thank you also to Paul Birschbach for taking his time to set up this event.

***Call to Order-*** President Paul Birschbach called the meeting to order at 11:45AM with 32 members in attendance.

#### ***Discussion of the Violations Noted at the Onsite Inspection Tour:***

DSPS Representatives led a discussion about the code violations/concerns members noted during the inspections. Some of the items discussed were:

- Ufer grounds and the requirement to connect to at least 20' of rebar when there is reinforcement placed in the footings.
- Firewalls in garages and the need to extend it to the edge of the roof for covered porches.
- Attic access minimum size 14"x24".
- Bearing requirements under beams.
- Temporary steps off exits.
- Proper spacing of anchor bolts.
- Nailing patterns for girder trusses. Make sure the manufacturer's requirements are followed.
- Erosion control.
- The requirement to seal and/or tape all drywall seams in garage fire separations if the drywall seams are not backed with wood and less than a dime thickness.
- OSB fire blocking is required to be ¾".

#### ***Presentation of PermitBase Software:***

Mark Judkins Helpsmeet gave a short presentation on the software package. This system is currently not web based but they are in the process of developing a portion of the system for accessing inspections in the field.

**Approval of Minutes-** A motion was made to approve the 5/7/2015 minutes. The motion received a second and carried.

**Treasurer's Report-** Rob Cormier presented the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made to approve the report. The motion received a second and carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Information & Schooling-** There will be no July meeting. They are looking for a speaker for the August 14<sup>th</sup> Environmental meeting. John Zarate noted that he hasn't received any information from Dennis Jensen as to the ICC class. We need to find out when the class is going to be so they can line up speakers for the remaining 2015 meetings.

**Code Coordinating-** Phil Borchardt stated that the proposed deck code is on the DSPS website for us to look at and review. The proposed code has minimum footing sizes so it will be helpful since the UDC does not have anything on decks. He stated that the implementation date is still proposed for January 1, 2016.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

A motion was made to give each builder a \$50 gift card as a thank you for allowing us to use their house for the tour. The motion received a second and carried.

Phil Borchardt discussed that he would like to purchase jackets this year. A motion was made for the association to spend \$50 per person with a minimum buy in of \$5 per member for clothing allowance. The motion received a second and carried. There was discussion on paying a certain percentage based on how many meetings you attend but it did not receive support. Phil will check into jacket options and present it to the executive board for approval. Once it's approved he'll bring samples to a future meeting and we'll email it out to the membership.

Rick Schwarz brought up the fact that we really need a commercial code refresher class. It was noted that Jane Drager had previously stated at a meeting a few months ago that she had a power point presentation from Henry that was being kept up to date that she could distribute to the membership. Jane stated she'd have to get approval to distribute it and she said that she might be aware of someone who could do the training. She'd get back to us on this topic.

**Adjournment-** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion received a second and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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