

SPRING HILL FIRE RESCUE

Commission Meeting

October 27, 2004

7:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Hollander, Commissioner Marasciullo, Commissioner Jacobs, Chief Morrison, Assistant Chief Davies, Attorney Iurato

Excused: Commissioner Panozzo, Attorney Salzman

Absent: Commissioner Martin

Call to Order

Chairman Hollander called the Commission Meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Invocation

Rev. Clemons gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Hollander led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Hollander asked if there were any questions regarding the Consent Agenda.

Motion

Commissioner Marasciullo made a Motion to accept the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Jacobs seconded the Motion.

Chief Morrison requested a separate vote for Item-6 of the Consent Agenda. The leasing company, Leasing-2 has asked for the minutes to reflect the Board's acceptance of the lease terms.

Chairman Hollander stated that Item-6, New Engine-Leasing of the Consent Agenda will be moved to New Business, Item-B.

The Motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Report of Counsel

Attorney Iurato stated that there will be a pre trial conference on Monday, November 1st, regarding the Jennifer Couch matter. Attorney Salzman will be attending the conference on behalf of the Department.

Chief's Report

A. "Sim-Man" Presentation

Chief Morrison stated that the Sim-Man was purchased with grant money, which was approved by the Board. The Sim-Man is property of the Training Division and Jimmy Zabetka, the Training Officer, has a presentation for the Board on the Sim-Man.

The Board viewed the presentation of the Sim-Man.

Chairman Hollander asked how much did the Sim-Man cost?

Jimmy Zabetka stated that the whole system cost approximately \$38,800 and the grant paid 75% of the cost.

Commissioner Jacobs asked where did the source of the grant money come from?

Jimmy Zabetka stated that it came from an EMS matching grant from the State of Florida.

The Board further discussed the Sim-Man.

Chairman Hollander moved Item-9 Presentation to Out Going Commissioners to the next Item on the Agenda.

Presentation to Out Going Commissioners

Chief Morrison stated that the new Board members George Biro, Dave Raborn and Margaret Perreira were in the audience and he would like to introduce them. The County Commissioner, Chairwoman Nancy Robinson was in the audience to give the presentation to the Out Going Commissioners.

County Commissioner Chairwoman Robinson presented Chairman Hollander with a plaque for his years of service that started in November of 2002 thru November of 2004 for the Spring Hill Board of Fire Commissioners.

County Commissioner Chairwoman Robinson presented Commissioner Marasciullo with a plaque for

his years of service that started in May of 2002 thru November of 2004 for the Spring Hill Board of Fire Commissioners.

Chairman Hollander stated that there have been good times and some times they just made it through. It has been an interesting four years and he has no intention of completely parting with the Department. He has offered his service if the Department needs him and appreciated the opportunity to be on the Board.

Commissioner Marasciullo stated that he feels privileged to have been on the Board and to have worked with Administration and all personnel in the Department. He believes if the future Board continues with the way things are running, they will have a smooth sailing ship.

Chief Morrison stated that on behalf of the employees, he thanked the Board for the time and effort they put into the organization. He reminded Chairman Hollander of when he first took the seat on the Board the Department was running a two-personnel engine and did not have a Training Division. At that time, the Department was getting ready to negotiate one of the two contracts, which this Board has successfully negotiated. A Commissioner left and Commissioner Marasciullo was his replacement. He has come to know, that Commissioner Marasciullo has a big heart and knows how to make decisions and communicates well with people. He thanked them both.

Commissioner Jacobs stated that when he was appointed to replace a Commissioner, he was filled with information about each member of the Board, however, until he came on board and found out the facts, all the rumors he heard are unfounded. He was pleased to have found out that both of the Commissioners are who they are.

Chairman Hollander stated that Commissioner Jacobs has been phenomenal with his knowledge and experience, he was a breath of fresh air. He is confident that Commissioner Jacobs, along with the other Board members will do a great job.

B. AMR Update

Chief Morrison stated that AMR applied for a certificate of Public Conveyance/Necessity with the County and the hearing for the application was on Tuesday, October 26, and the County Commissioners unanimously denied the application.

C. Hosting Pasco-Hernando Fire Chiefs' Seminar

Chief Morrison stated the Pasco-Hernando Fire Chiefs' Association has a mission, which is to get quality education to all fire service in the area. The Fire Chief of Phoenix, Allan Brunacini, is considered the Father of the modern fire service. He is an amazing individual and he is an inspirational speaker. The Pasco-Hernando Fire Chiefs' have made a commitment to bring

Chief Brunacini into the area to give a seminar and the tickets will cost \$25.00-\$30.00.

Chief Morrison has requested to host the seminar and would like to use the Department's address as a contact number for the people who would like to purchase tickets for this event and the Department will not incur any cost. Chief Morrison is negotiating with Stage West as a venue for this seminar. He feels the seminar is important and he will mandate that every Supervisor in the Department attend the training seminar. There will be no cost to the tax District.

The Board further discussed the seminar.

The Board gave consensuses to follow Staff's recommendation for the Department to host the seminar.

Unfinished Business

There was nothing under Unfinished Business

New Business

A. Purchase of Replacement Monitor/Defibrillator

Chief Morrison stated that one of the Department's monitor/defibrillators was sent out for repair to Lighthouse, which is a certified repair company and recommended that the unit should be replaced due to the age and cost of repair. It would cost \$3,465 to repair the old unit, but the manufacturer can sell the Department a refurbished unit through Zoll, which will cost \$2,500 and will come with a 1-year guarantee. Purchasing a new monitor was not suggested because the Training Office is in the process of writing a grant to replace all the monitors for next year. The new monitors will cost \$27,000 each and will be a continuation of the grant that was awarded to them last year. The \$2,500 would be coming out of the unmarked Capital in the current budget.

Motion

Commissioner Marasciullo made a Motion to following Staff's recommendation to purchase the refurbished unit for \$2,500.

Commissioner Jacobs second the Motion.

The Motion carried unanimously (3-0).

B. New Engine - Leasing

Chief Morrison stated that this item was discussed at the Board's last meeting, whereas, the purchase of the new truck would be replacing engine-1. The equipment cost is \$373,319 the finance cost is

\$289,819 and the lease will not extend over 5-years.

Motion

Commissioner Jacobs made a Motion to accept the lease as presented.

Commissioner Marasciullo second the Motion

The Motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Chief Morrison stated that the Board was aware of Commissioner Panozzo being hospitalized this morning and he seems to be doing fine. He received a fax from Commissioner Martin at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon, stating his regrets for not being able to attend tonight's Commission Meeting. This would have been his last meeting, but he was at military training that was required and leave cannot be authorized.

Motion

Commissioner Marasciullo made a Motion to excuse Commissioner Panozzo from the Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Jacobs second the Motion.

The Motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Motion

Commissioner Jacobs made a Motion to excuse Commissioner Martin from the Commission Meeting due to extenuating circumstance.

The Motion did not carry.

Comments of Commission

Commissioner Jacobs stated that it has been a pleasure meeting the Board and going through negotiations with the Union and Attorney. The best thing the Board could do for the community is get the best Fire Department they possibly can and look for the "pie in the sky" that says #1, which is the best rated in the Country. What needs to be kept in mind is if people try to run a Fire Department from a cost basis, they will never have a good Fire Department.

Commissioner Marasciullo stated that he will miss everybody.

Chairman Hollander stated that he feels an ideal Board would be to have five retired Chief's because they understand the fire service. Commissioner Panozzo has 12-years of experience and four terms on the Board. George Biro came to this Department when it first started and Mr. Raborn was a Battalion Chief in Pennsylvania. Commissioner Jacobs sat on the NFPA Board and has a tremendous amount of experience with fire departments throughout the Country. He heard that Margaret Perreira has extensive emergency medical experience, therefore, he feels the new Board will be very interesting to watch. The Administration team, lead by Chief Morrison and the people who work directly under him, would make approximately 100-years of experience. This Department has made great leaps and a lot of work has been taken care of. With the wealth of experience the new Board has, along with Administration, to continue to stay within the budget and try to do the best they can for the taxpayers of the community.

Open Forum

Captain Rampino stated that on behalf of the men and women of the Department, he thanked both Commissioners for their dedication and time they gave to the community.

Jimmy Zabetka thanked both Commissioners for achieving the goal of a Training Officer and appointing him to the position.

Motion

Commissioner Jacobs made a Motion to adjourn the Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Marasciullo second the Motion.

The Motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Adjourn

Chairman Hollander adjourned the Commission Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Commissioner Panozzo, Vice Chairman

Joan E. Chiofalo, Board Secretary