

**COLDEN FIRE DISTRICT**  
**Board of Fire Commissioners**  
**Minutes – December 10, 2024**

**ATTENDEES:** Chair Gloria Marinaccio  
 Vice-Chair George Abraham  
 Commissioner Jeffrey Shelley - Excused  
 Commissioner Jan A. Jarecki  
 Commissioner Ronald Smith  
 Treasurer/Secretary Michael Schneider

Chairman Marinaccio opened the Colden Fire District’s regular meeting at 7:00 PM, led the Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence for our servicemen and First Responders; thanked everyone for attending.

**Roll Call and Affirmation of Quorum:** Yes

**Public Attendance:** Douglas Hyde, Brian Sudyn, Gerald Pietraszek, Luciano Polizzi, Salvator Polizzi, Brian O’Connor

**1. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings** - Approval of Minutes (Regular Meeting November 12, 2024) Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Minutes as printed and Commissioner Jarecki seconded the motion. Marinaccio-Yea, Abraham-Yea, Shelley-Excused, Jarecki-Yea, Smith-Yea  
 Motion Approved

**2. Approval of Financial Actions for the Month of November 2024**

- a. Approval of Treasurer’s Report (Monthly Financial Report) as of December 1, 2024
- b. Approval to Transfer Funds:

From Account	To Account	Amount
General Savings	Checking	
Amb. Billing Ckg. 1602	Checking 9990	2,467.69
Amb Billing Ckg 1602	Checking 9990	3,764.52

- c. Funds Received

Agency	Credit Description	Funds	Year
24-139186	Amb. Billing	\$144.72	2024
Medicaid	Amb. Billing	3.49	2024
24-193682/24-252	Amb. Billing	25.00	2024

HighMark WNY	Amb. Billing	593.24	2024
NGS, INC	Amb Billing	413.24	2024
Palmetto GSA Claim	Amb. Billing	514.17	2024
UnitedHealthCare Claim	Amb. Billing	639.14	2024
Medicaid	Amb. Billing	211.90	2024
Independent Health Corp	Amb. Billing	542.96	2024
Independent Health Corp	Amb. Billing	362.63	2024
NYS DOH	Amb. Billing	289.52	2024
NSG, INC. Claim	Amb. Billing	1,151.70	2024
NSG, INC. Claim	Amb. Billing	419.55	2024
24-000208	Amb. Billing	225.00	2024
24-211145	Amb. Billing	100.00	2024
Aetna Life Ins.	Amb. Billing	105.42	2024
Payspan Acctverify	Amb. Billing	0.11	2024

d. Approval of Bills Ratification of District Accounts Payable for the month

Year Funds Obligated	Claim Number	Date	Description of Transaction	Cost	Account Line
2024	3461	12/1/2024	National Fuel (District Office & Sta 2)	\$ 44.77	A3410.413
2024	3462	12/1/2024	Charter Communication (Internet)	\$ 129.99	A410.430
2024	3463	12/10/2024	NYSEG (Sta 2) (& Final Invoice for District Office)	\$ 455.86	A3410.412
2024	3464	12/10/2024	Springville Journal (Legal Notice - Elections)	\$ 45.64	A3410.410
2024	3465	12/10/2024	Saia Communication, Inc. (Colden 9 Lights for New Veh)	\$ 2,309.35	A3410.21
2024	3466	12/10/2024	Brian Sudyn (Chief Stipend)	\$ 250.00	A3410.407
2024	3467	12/10/2024	James DePasquale (Asst-Chief Stipend)	\$ 250.00	A3410.407
2024	3468	12/10/2024	Brian O'Connor (Assit-Chief Stipend)	\$ 250.00	A3410.407\$242.50 NYSLRSS\$ 7.50
2024	3469	12/10/2024	Shirene Schneider (Election Official)	\$ 50.00	A3410.409
2024	3470	12/10/2024	Jody Feidt (Election Official)	\$ 50.00	A3410.409
2024	3471	12/10/2024	AFDSNY (Dues)	\$ 450.00	A3410.408
2024	3472	12/10/2024	Matthew Monroe (Tvl Int & Ext FF Courses)	\$ 670.27	A3410.405
2024	3473	12/10/2024	Patrick Murphy (Custodian Oct - Nov 2024)	\$ 390.84	A3410.11
202	3474	12/10/2024	Michael Schneider (Sec/Trea Oct-Dec 24 & Amb Billing)	\$ 1,236.19	A3410.12\$957.09 A3410.13 279.10
2024	3475	12/10/2024	Douglas Hyde (Rec Mgr Sep-Nov 2024)	\$ 380.22	A3410.13
2024	3476	12/10/2024	Ronald Smith (Rec Mgr 7/18 - 11/30/24)	\$ 760.45	A3410.13
2024	3477	12/10/2024	Department of Treasury (941 Oct-Dec 2024)	\$ 1,857.35	A3410.11\$ 140.66 A3410.12\$1270.41 A3410.13\$ 117.61 A9030.84\$ 346.67
2024	3478	12/10/2024	Elan Financial Services (\$1190.67)		
2024	3478	12/10/2024	Office Max (paper, Toner and Other Office supplies)	\$ 238.93	A3410.401
2024	3478	12/10/2024	Amazon Mktp	\$ 734.00	A3410.20
2024	3478	12/10/2024	Amazon Mktp (Portable Radio Holders)	\$ 217.74	A3410.23
2024	3479	12/10/2024	Town of Colden (Fuel)	\$ 1,967.61	A3410.421
2024	3480	12/10/2024	MultiMed Billing Service (Amb. Billing)	\$ 1,202.45	A3410.425
2024	3481	12/10/2024	Verizon (Tablets)	\$ 99.99	A3410.415
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$ 14,041.65</b>	

e. Fire District Assets: as of December 1, 2024

33,986.46	M&T Checking Account
12,389.64	M&T General Fund Savings
72,044.44	General Saving CD (Matures 03/27/2025)
106,263.80	2023 LOSAP CD (Matures 12/27/2024)
104,085.33	2024 LOSAP CD (Matures 03/27/25)
28,701.45	Capital Reserve Account –Repair Res. (Matures: 4/30/25)
844,799.49	Capital Reserve Account – Apparatus (Matures: 4/18/25)
30,434.37	Capital Reserve Account – ISO
16,627.02	Capital Reserve Account – Unrestricted
101,215.10	Capital Reserve Account –SCBA/PPE(Matures: 5/03/25)
4,035.83	Ambulance Billing Checking (Less A/P \$41,907.02)
1,000.00	BOH Ambulance Billing Checking
29,000.00	BOH Ambulance Billing CD (Matures 4/28/25)
<u>3,214.76</u>	Capital Reserve Account – Morale (Matures: 1/1/25)
<b>\$1,387,797.69</b>	<b>Total Monetary Assets</b>

Commissioner Abraham made a motion to approve and ordered the Treasurer to complete the above listed financial actions and Commissioner Jarecki seconded the motion. Marinaccio-Yea, Abraham-Yea, Shelley-Excused, Jarecki-Yea, Smith-Yea Motion Approved

**3. Correspondence and communications received:**

- a. Local Edge Phone Book
- b. Letter from NYSEG concerning the new smart meters they are installing
- c. Advertisement from Deluxe Checking with a \$50.00 savings on promotional products.
- d. Letter from Nationwide with general information on the retirement plan disclosures
- e. NYS DOH mailed the District the stickers for making Rescue 7 an EMS response vehicle. Sticker attached to Rescue 7 windshield.
- f. AFDNYS 2025 Commissioner Training Schedule. Erie County training will be held April 12, 2025
- g. Letter from FASNY Firefighter’s Home Holiday Appeal asking for a donation.

- h. Advertisement from R Enterprises for buy and sell ambulances
- i. Voter information from DWS Funds to all shareholders.
- j. Letter to the Colden Fire Company requesting needed information for the Organizational Meeting

**4. Committee Reports**

- Personnel, Insurance, Service Award Committee – Nationwide Statement for Nov 2024 indicated an Employer Discretionary Withdrawal of \$6,900.00, the normal monthly benefits paid. An analysis of the District’s Nationwide account:

\$ 723,630.10	Opening Value on 01/01/2024
106,263.80	2023 Contribution & Interest to CD Exp. 12/27/24
104,085.33	2024 Contribution to a 6-Month CD Exp. 3/27/25
1,800.00	Return of over payment (April 2024)
66.67	Adjustment made in April 2024
(66.67)	Adjustment Made in June 2024
43,251.36	2024 Investment Gain/(Lose) Jan 1 to Nov 30, 2024
(3,521.72)	Nationwide Advisory Fees-to-Date for 2024
<u>(71,020.00)</u>	Pensions paid out through Nov 30, 2024
\$ 904,488.87	Total Account Value on 11/30/2024
	Additional Program Expenses:
\$ 4,468.67	Jan 1, 2024 to Date FireFly Admin Fees

- Maintenance of Buildings and Apparatus, Driver Certification, Communications Committee – With 345 days into the 2024 year the District spent \$27,706.40 from A3410.420, \$19,732.67 from Repair Reserve and \$2,467.59 from Ambulance Billing on repairs.
  - One Panel light out (Nov 2024)
  - One light out on light bar (Nov 2024)
  - IAR has Tanker 5 Out of Service Why? Comm. Shelley will fix
  - Sta. 2 Tanker Door would not open. Ice blocked, Corrected
  - Sta. 2 Flag Pole Lanyard destroyed by high winds and age (Lost weight on line, lost cap and lock, flag destroyed & lanyard defects)
- Executive Board Committee – Next meeting will be held on January 6, 2025
- Training Committee – Training Schedule for this coming month:
  - Dec 9, 2024 – SCBA Smoke House
  - Dec 11, 2024 – Boston Fun Night, Social Get Together
  - Dec 16, 2024 – EMS TBD

Dec 23, 2024 – Dodgeball  
 Dec 30, 2024 – Night Off

- Standard Operating Guideline (SOG) Committee – No Report
- Medical Readiness – One FF Physical completed
- Privacy/ Record Access (FOIL) Officer – No Report

**5. Fire Company Readiness**

Personnel	Authorized	Beginning Strength	Gains for Month	Losses for Month	Ending Strength	Percent
Firefighters	37	19	1	0	20	51%
EMS	11	7	0	0	7	64%
Fire Police	10	8	0	0	8	80%
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>59%</b>

Non Deployable Status	
Medical/OSHA	3
Extended Leave	0

Medical (Physicals)		
Scheduled	Completed	Medical %
35	32	91%

Deployable Firefighters (32/35) %		91%		Average Age (29 Members)		59.43 Y 0 A
Equipment	Authorized	On Hand	Equipment Percentage	Mission Capable		Readiness Percentage
				FMC	NMC	
Engine 1	1	1	100%	1	0	
Engine 2	1	1	100%	1	0	
Engine 3	1	1	100%	1	0	
Tanker 5	1	1	100%	1	0	
Rescue 7	1	1	100%	1	0	
Ambulance 8	1	1	100%	1	0	
<b>Overall</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100%</b>

Training Status	Strength	Firefighter One	In-House Training	EMT	Fire Police	Percent
Firefighters	20	13	7	0	0	65%
EMS	7	0	0	7	0	83%
Fire Police	8	0	0	0	8	75%
Total	35	13	7	7	8	80%

<b>Number of Fire Responses</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Number of EMS Responses</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Total for the Month of Nov 2024</b>	<b>29</b>

<b>2024 Total Responses</b>
<b>333</b>

**Recruitment Activities for Month:** Advertised on both Fire Company Marquees, and sponsored the Scouting America (Boy Scout) bottle return drive, Colden Concerts 2024 and BOLO Food Distribution.

a. Fire Chief:

Call/Drill sign-in sheets for November 2024 have been received.

Support of Special Events: Dec 11, 24 – Boston Fun Night  
 Dec 14, 24 – Santa Arrives via Res 7  
 Dec 31, 24 – Colden First Night

b. EMS Chief: In 2025 there is a plan to have more Mutual Aid Training

c. Safety Officer: Monday’s Smoke House Training went very well

d. President of the Auxiliary: No Report

e. Fire Police: New radio holders have been issued

c. President of the Fire Company:

**Resolution # 2024- 089 – Application for Membership to the Fire Company/District: Luciano Michael Polizzi**

**WHEREAS**, the Fire District has received an application from the Colden Fire Company for appointment of Luciano Polizzi to said Company as a Volunteer; and

**WHEREAS**, the application has been reviewed and recommended by Fire Chief Brian Sudyn;

**WHEREAS**, Assistant Fire Chief James DePasquale submitted Luciano’s name for his back ground check and it came back \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept Luciano Polizzi into the Colden Fire District and Commissioner Abraham seconded the motion. Marinaccio-Yea, Abraham-Yea, Shelley-Excused, Jarecki-Yea, Smith-Yea Motion Approved

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED** that Luciano Polizzi is hereby appointed as a Volunteer Member of the Colden Fire Company. Luciano will need to pass a Firefighters physical, read the SOGs and complete OSHA Training.

**6. Purchase Requests (Equipment / Services):**

Description of Items	Account	Cost
Mice Traps (New Plastic types)	A3410.418	\$20.00
USPS Stamps in coil	A3410.401	146.00
Need Flag Pole Repair, Lanyard weight fell off etc.	A3410.419	200.00
US Flag	A3410.418	100.00
Rescue 7 to have EMS decals placed on a door	A3410.21	250.00
SPO2 Tube for Zoll need replacing	A3410.20	289.00
2 Gal. of Smoke Fluid	A3410.403	80.00
2 ea. Turn-Out Gear	A3410.20	6,500.00
RF Cable for Sta. 2	A3410.419	30.00
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>		<b>\$7,615.00</b>

**Resolution # 2024- 090 – Fire District Purchases**

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the purchases and Commissioner Abraham seconded the motion: Marinaccio-Yea, Abraham-Yea, Shelley-Excused, Jarecki-Yea, Smith-Yea Motion Approved

**7. Unfinished Business:**

- a. Equipment defects that need to be addressed:
  - Recommended Under Coating Engine 1 and 3 (Waiting on Town Board approval). New vehicle arriving this June, need to coordinate with Town Garage.
  - Hose Testing: Non Locking Hose will be replaced with Eng. 2 hose on a drill night (August 2024)
    - Eng. 3, 4” #4000, 100’, Non-Locking, No Date
    - Eng. 3, 4” #4002, 100’, Non-Locking, No Date
    - Eng. 3, 4” #4003, 100’, Non-Locking

- Eng. 3, 4" #4005, 100', Non-Locking
- Eng. 3, 2.5", #2506, 50', No Date
- Eng. 3, 2.5", #2507, 50', No Date
- Eng. 2, 4", #4022, 100', Non-Locking
- Eng. 2, 4", #4023, 100', Non-Locking
- Eng. 2, 4", #4027, 100', Non-Locking
- Eng. 2, 1.75, #1039 50', No Date
- Eng. 2, 2 ea. Suction Hoses failed, missing gaskets
- Eng. 1, 1.75", #1026, 50', leaking from behind coupling (replaced from Eng. 2)
- Rescue 7, 1.75", #1054, 50', Leak @ Coupling
- Tanker 5 has only 1 ea. 2.5" hose, but has 2 ea. 4" hoses.
- Eng. 1 found a 2.5" Hose with a leak

General Items:

- Eng. 3 No Flares (Commissioner Abraham will look for them)
- Eng 2 Pump panel light out on right side (9/10/24)
- Eng 2 Gas can empty (9/10/24)

Gorman Problems: To be completed during 2024 annual inspection

Items on Comm. Shelley's List:

- Rescue 7 No Saw Gas (Oct 24)
- Rescue 7 Driver Side Ground Light out (Oct 24)
- Eng. 2 Missing one (1) Tire Chock (Nov 24)
- Eng. 2 Missing the Thermal Image Camera (Nov 24)

SCBA Problems: (June 2024 plan I place to purchase six (6) more used bottles)

- Eng. 2 only has 3 SCBA Masks (Sm, Med & Lg.) w/5 packs
- Eng. 2 one (1) SCBA Tank needs filling
- Eng. 2 has Only One (1) SCBA on Board (Nov 24)
- Eng. 1 Missing one (1) SCBA Bottle (Oct 2024) (Nov 2024)
- Resc 7 SCBA Pack has only 30 PSI
- Resc 7 spare bottles 2 ea. at 40 PSI & 1 ea. at 30 PSI

a. Commissioner Shelley wants to have his Vehicle Purchasing Team to start the process of looking for a vehicle. First step is determining the needs over the next 20-Years. He will put together his thoughts and the can start from there in March 2024. Comm. Shelley presented a chart with expected future costs and anticipated funds available (Mar 24) The overall concept for the future needs to be developed starting with a Rescue 7 and which vehicle will get the needed tools or should Rescue 7 even carry water, technically it is a woodland fire fighter vehicle taken on the rescue mission. The Reserve Fund comes due April 18, 2024 and it was approved to place it in a 6-Month CD



b. The District received a second bill for work done in October 2023 on the Stryker equipment. We paid the first one in November 2023, which was never cashed until this month (March 2024). The second invoice was received and paid in February 2024 thinking the first one was lost in the mail. An email was sent to Stryker where the second invoice was received from. No answer so far. The first check was included in the check book as a withdrawal until a refund is received. (May '24) Still waiting on a call back, Commissioner Smith gave a couple of other phone numbers to try. As of August 2024 many attempts to find a contact with the company have failed. Orchard Park Offices have closed, all know phone numbers have reached dead air, all email contact receive no answer at this time. (October 2024) finally talked to someone within Stryker who stated that they received both of our checks and that our account shows \$200.15 credit. I am in the process of getting an itemized list of what we have been charged so as to match with our information. Information requested came from Stryker's Marvin Gomez on Oct 29, 2024 They had us paying \$1,661.77 and two (2) other payments that we did not send them. There also was a credit of \$200.15. Their expenses included \$510.00 and \$366.77 but no explanation what they were for. There also was a charge for the Lucas Battery for \$713.25 that belongs to the Town of Colden. They also have not posted \$865.00 The District paid in February 2024. This was transmitted to Mr. Gomez on November 2, 2024. In November received a copy of the original agreement and it appears that the second battery for Lucas was paid for then. A copy will be sent to Mr. Gomez, hopefully he has not ghosted us like others in the organization.

c. Anyone who missed the group physical needs to complete it before responding. A letter will be sent to those who are too late. One Member needs to get a letter when the Chief returns (Aug 2024)

d. OFPC Training stipend Program: The final version of the regulations was officially filed on February 20th, with an effective date of March 6, 2024. The Association has provided a dedicated "Training Stipends for Volunteer Firefighters" resource page on our website [https://www.afdsny.org/training\\_stipends\\_for\\_voluntee.php](https://www.afdsny.org/training_stipends_for_voluntee.php) with a direct link to the Office of Fire Prevention and Control's (OFPC) website which provides comprehensive information, including program overviews and necessary forms. OFPC direct link: <https://www.dhSES.ny.gov/new-york-state-volunteerfirefighter-stipend-program>.

The regulations also establish the rules that will govern local training stipend programs. Local programs will be paid by local dollars so you will need to consider budgeting for your local program before you adopt your budget for 2025. The regulations establish criteria that your district and department must meet to be authorized to operate a local program. If you're considering offering a local program, it's crucial to take the necessary steps to enable its operation when you're prepared to allocate funds. OFPC established the courses that are eligible for state stipends and local stipends under these rules. The regulations

outline the eligible courses for state stipends and specify the corresponding stipend amounts: Qualifying Courses and Stipend Amounts: (1) Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations with Hazardous Material First Responder Operations course or equivalent: in an amount to be determined by OFPC, up to \$750. (2) Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus with Interior Firefighting Operations course or equivalent: in an amount to be determined by OFPC, up to \$1,250. (3) Fire Officer I course or completion of the five modules of the Fire Officer I program including Company Training and Community Risk Reduction, Firefighter Health and Safety, Leadership and Supervision, Planning and Emergency Response, and Fire Ground Strategies and Tactics for First Arriving Companies or equivalent: in an amount to be determined by OFPC, up to \$1,000. (4) Any additional State Fire Training Course identified and published by OFPC: in an amount to be determined by OFPC, up to \$500. The regulations state the following on the courses that are eligible for the local stipends and the amount of those stipends: (e) Qualifying Courses and Stipend Amount. A Local Fire Training Stipend may be authorized for the completion of any State Fire Training Courses or equivalents, as determined by OFPC: up to \$500. Here are your requirements as an organization: (b) Fire Department Eligibility. Applications for a State Fire Training Stipend will only be accepted from Fire Departments that: (1) Submitted Fire Department incident data through the Fire Reporting System, as required by General Municipal Law section 204-d, for the prior reporting year. (2) Submit Fire Department demographics to OFPC annually, using a form published by OFPC, to include the following information: (i) fire station addresses, including substations; (ii) number of interior firefighters; (iii) number of exterior firefighters; (iv) name and contact information of Fire Chief or equivalent; and (v) name and contact information of assistant/deputy chiefs or equivalent Fire Chief successor positions. Please get your filings in order. We recommend that you review the final version of the regulations on our website or at the OFPC website. One interesting aspect of the document is that in addition to publishing the final version of the regulations it provides the comments that were made to OFPC on the draft regulations and OFPC responses to those comments. (Refer to the full article in AFDSNY Fire District Affair Apr-May 2024) (July 2024) NEW YORK STATE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER TRAINING STIPEND PROGRAM: (Article per Fire District Affairs June-July 2024) We have previously reported on the Volunteer Firefighter Training Stipend Program, and we want to remind members that this program is available for their personnel through the Office of Fire Prevention and Control ["OFPC"]. The program became effective as of August 31, 2023 under General Municipal Law § 200-aa and the later adoption of implementing regulations under Part 215 to Title 9 NYCRR. OFPC is authorized to administer a State-funded Fire Training Stipend to volunteer firefighters for completion of certain firefighter training courses (listed at its website below) on or after August 31, 2023. The statute also authorizes fire companies to administer a local fire training stipend program, subject to authorization by the governing board of city, town, village, or fire district (Authority Having Jurisdiction), but most fire districts will wait until fiscal year 2025 since they would not have budgeted for a local program in 2024. We have the needed forms that are required.

- e. Hoses from Eng. 2 that are good and passable will be used to replace questionable hoses on Engines 1 & 3. Engine 2 will be used as the parts vehicle or “Garage Queen”
- f. One member has not completed the physical as of today. A letter will be sent to them by the Chief (Aug 2024)
- g. Medical Examinations Review: Commissioner Smith has been reviewing several different Medical Operations who do Fire Fighter Physicals. Price comparisons were submitted from Occustar and HealthWorks. Clarification was needed from HealthWorks on their pricing of Hourly charges. HealthWorks is used in Boston Fire Departments for physicals. They are from West Seneca.
- h. Letter from Division of Criminal Justice Services to all Peace Officer Employers requesting the District complete the 2024 Annual Validation of Officers registered by January 15, 2025. Colden 9 said he would register the new members. Gave Brian Sudyn a list of Fire Police on file with the District.

**8. New Business:**

**Discussion item # 1 – Legal Notice – Organizational Meeting:** for publication of the 2025 Year Organizational Meeting to be posted in the Springville Journal and on the District Website will read as follows:

**LEGAL NOTICE  
COLDEN FIRE DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that an Organizational Meeting of the Colden Fire District will be held at the Fire District Office Building, 8511 Center Street, Colden, New York 14033 on Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. concerning the organization and operations of the Fire District for Calendar Year 2025. The regular monthly meeting will be held in the same District Office, Tuesday January 14, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

Michael Schneider, Secretary  
Colden Fire District  
December 10, 2024

**Discussion item # 2 – Resolution # 2024-091– Two (2) CDs mature within the next month:** 2023 LOSAP due December 27, 2024 and Morale Reserve due January 1, 2025. We could move the LOSAP into BOH for a better interest rate.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to renew the 2023 LOSAP CD in the Bank of Holland this time and Morale Reserve CD leave in M&T for another six (6) months and Commissioner Abraham seconded the motion. Marinaccio-Yea, Abraham-Yea, Shelley-Excused, Jarecki-Yea, Smith-Yea Motion Approved

**Discussion item # 3 – Correction in Account Number for MultiMed Invoices:** Changes from A3410.416 to A3410.425 as originally planed in the Budget.

**Discussion item # 4 – Resolution # 2024-092 – Budget accounts over covered by new money and less spending in other areas:** Account A3410.13 over budget due to the additional Record Manager for Ambulance Billing as an additional program in 2024. The over budget was \$150.72 over which effected Account A9030.84 over by \$26.25. The cost covered by the new inflation interest in 2024 funds in savings accounts. Account A3410.21 over budget by \$2,809.67. Two (2) Chiefs purchased new vehicles this year and needed light installation which came in at about \$2,500.00 over historical costs. The Chief also runs A3410.22 which was able to use new Ambulance Billing new money to cover some cost therefore covering the Chiefs account overage. Account A3410.419 was over by \$851.20 justified by cost saving because the District piggybacked on the Fire Companies need to rekey their buildings. To prevent confusions with too many keys. Big overage is with Account A3410.420 by \$8,706.40 due to increase in unexpected repairs and inflation in costs. This is in addition to the use of the Repair Reserve Fund usage. Cost covered by less spending in other areas of contracts and operations.

Commissioner Abraham made a motion to accept the budget adjustments caused by inflation and unexpected events some covered by unexpected new money causing budget problems stated above and try betted in the future to predict costs and Commissioner Jarecki seconded the motion. Marinaccio-Yea, Abraham-Yea, Shelley-Excused, Jarecki-Yea, Smith-Yea Motion Approved

**Discussion item # 5 – Problem with Approved Official Budget for 2025:** When the Town compiled their 2025 Town Budget they appeared to use last year's 2024 budget figure. Have protested the error and hopefully they can correct this error. The error could loose the District around \$9,000.00 in tax funds if it cannot be reversed. The \$9 K could be recovered lowering the amount dedicated to Apparatus Fund or we could added it to the amount expected from

Ambulance Billing. Waiting on word from a Town Official. Councilman Pietraszek will look into the problem.

**Discussion item # 6** – Repairs and Equipment problems fixed:

- Eng. 1 has a new air leak, Fixed
- Tanker 5 missing portable radio (Sep 24) Replaced
- Rescue 7 Missing SCBA Bottle (Found empty) (Oct 24) Filled
- Rescue 7 No K-12 (Oct 24) Moved to Engine 1
- Rescue 7 No Window Saw (Oct 24) Take off checklist
- Rescue 7 No Traffic Vests found (Oct 24) Replaced

**9. Public Comments:** None

**10. Special Organizational Meeting:** Thursday January 2, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the District Office

**11. Next Regular Board Meeting:** Tuesday January 8, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the District Office.

**12. Adjournment @ 8:13 P.M.** With no further business to conduct, Commissioner Abraham made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Marinaccio-Yea, Abraham-Yea, Shelley-Excused, Jarecki-Yea, Smith-Yea Motion Approved

COLDEN FIRE DISTRICT

MEETING AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings
2. Approval of Financial Transactions for the Month
  - Approval of Treasurer's Report (Monthly Financial Report)
  - Approval of Bills (Ratification of District Accounts Payable)
  - Approval of Refunds/Credits
  - Fire District Assets
3. Correspondence and communications received
4. Committee Reports
  - Personnel Committee, Insurance, Service Award Committee
  - Maintenance of Buildings and Apparatus, Driver Certification, Communications Committee
  - Executive Board Committee
  - Training Committee
  - Standard Operating Guideline (SOG) Committee
  - Medical readiness Committee
5. Fire Company Readiness
  - Fire Chief
  - EMS Chief
  - Safety Officer
  - President of the Auxiliary
  - Fire Police Captain
  - President of the Fire Company
6. Purchase Requests (Fire Company/District)
7. Unfinished Business (Open Issues):
8. New Business
9. Executive Session (Personnel Issues)
10. Public Comment
11. Next Meeting
12. Adjournment

## **PUBLIC MEETING RULES**

**Order of Agenda** - Items listed on the Agenda may be taken out of order.

**Accommodations** – Colden Fire District Office Building is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate persons with special needs. Please contact the Fire Board one week in advance of the meeting.

**Manner of Addressing the Fire Board** - In order to conduct orderly, efficient, effective and dignified meetings that promote a governmental purpose with a governmental process, public comment may address any agenda item or other public issue that the Fire Board has the authority to effectuate or exercise control over. Public comment on matters beyond the Fire District's scope of authority is not relevant, does not invoke a governmental process nor serve a governmental purpose and is contrary to the effective, efficient and orderly business conducted by the Colden Fire District. Each person addressing the Fire Board shall stand up, shall give his/her name and shall limit the time of his/her presentation to three (3) minutes. All public comment remarks shall be addressed to the Fire Board as a body, and not to any member thereof. No person, other than members of the Fire Board and the person having the floor shall be permitted to enter into any discussion. No questions shall be asked of the Board Members, except through the presiding chairman. Speakers shall avoid undue repetition of points previously presented to the Fire Board.

**Disruptive Conduct** - Any person who willfully disrupts a meeting to the extent that its orderly conduct is made impractical may be removed from the meeting by order of the presiding chairman. A person willfully disrupts a meeting when he/she (1) uses physical violence, threatens the use of physical violence or provides the use of physical violence or (2) continues to use loud, boisterous, unruly or provocative behavior after being asked to stop, which behavior is determined by the presiding Chairman, or a majority of the Fire Board present, to be disruptive to the orderly conduct of the meeting or (3) fails to comply with any lawful decision or order of the presiding Chairman or of a majority of the Fire Board relating to the orderly conduct of the meeting.

**Use of Recording Equipment** - All members of the public and all public officials are allowed to tape or video record public meetings. Recording is not allowed during executive sessions. The recording (tape/video) is permissible as long as the device is unobtrusive and will not distract from the true deliberative process of the Board.

Register of 2024 Resolutions		
Resolution Number	Date	Description of Resolution
2024-001	Jan 4, 24	Appointment of Chairperson for Calendar Year 2024
2024-002	Jan 4, 24	Appointment of Vice-Chairperson for Calendar Year 2024
2024-003	Jan 4, 24	Adoption of Agenda
2024-004	Jan 4, 24	Adoption of Robert's Rules of Order
2024-005	Jan 4, 24	Appointment of Treasurer/Secretary
2024-006	Jan 4, 24	New ROA & Standard Day Filing to NYS
2024-007	Jan 4, 24	Appointment of Records Managers
2024-008	Jan 4, 24	Appointment of District Custodian
2024-009	Jan 4, 24	Authorizing Appointment of Attorney for Calendar Year 2024
2024-010	Jan 4, 24	Designating Surety Bonding for the Treasurer of the Colden Fire District
2024-011	Jan 4, 24	Authorizing Regular Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2024
2024-012	Jan 4, 24	Designation of Official Newspaper for Publications for Calendar Year 2023
2024-013	Jan 4, 24	Authorizing Per Diem and Mileage Reimbursements (67.0 Cents)
2024-014	Jan 4, 24	Authorizing Advance Travel Payments
2024-015	Jan 4, 24	Appointment of Fire District Purchasing Agents
2024-016	Jan 4, 24	Fire District Memberships
2024-017	Jan 4, 24	Renewals of All Fire District Lease and Recurring Contractual Agreements
2024-018	Jan 4, 24	Authorizing Approval and Payment of Claims
2024-019	Jan 4, 24	Designation of Fire District Bank
2024-020	Jan 4, 24	Review of Expenditures (Calendar Year 2023)
2024-021	Jan 4, 24	Fire District Committee Appointments
2024-022	Jan 4, 24	Appointment of Independent Auditor for Calendar Year 2023 Records
2024-023	Jan 4, 24	Open Government Resolution
2024-024	Jan 4, 24	Signature Authority
2024-025	Jan 9, 24	Fire District Purchases
2024-026	Jan 9, 24	Unexpected Invoice from OPFD EMS Paid
2024-027	Jan 9, 24	Hose, Ladder and hard Suction testing April 27, 2024
2024-028	Jan 9, 24	SOG 8.01 - Mutual Aid Policy Change/Updated
2024-029	Jan 9, 24	Colden LOSAP Points - Posted
2024-030	Feb 13, 24	Fire District Purchases
2024-031	Feb 13, 24	SOG Review
2024-032	Feb 13, 24	Service Award Credit for 2023
2024-033	Feb 13, 24	Annual Inspection Dinner
2024-034	Feb 13, 24	2023 Achievement Awards
2024-035	Feb 13, 24	2024/2025 CFC Announced Candidates for Office
2024-036	Feb 13, 24	Changing Collateralized Deposits for Wilmington Trust N.A.
2024-037	Feb 13, 24	Declared an Emergency to pay for the repair of generator
2024-038	Feb 13, 24	Termination of a Probation Member
2024-039	Mar 12, 24	Resignation from CFC/D – Tyler Zak
2024-040	Mar 12, 24	Resignation from CFC/D – Calvin Rauch
2024-041	Mar 12, 24	Fire District Purchases
2024-042	Mar 12, 24	Emergency Gen. Repair Down Payment before job completed
2024-043	Mar 12, 24	Colden Fire Company Elected Officers
2024-044	Mar 12, 24	Movements of 2021 & 2022 Unspent Funds
2024-045	Mar 12, 24	Ambulance Billing Program - MultiMed
2024-046	Mar 12, 24	2024 Tax Check Distribution



2024-047	Apr 9, 24	Fire District Purchases
2024-048	Apr 9, 24	SOG #5.06 District FOIL Requests
2024-049	Apr 9, 24	New Record Access Officer – Comm. Smith
2024-050	Apr 9, 24	ESO Billing Interface Contract
2024-051	Apr 9, 24	Ambulance Billing Records Manager – Comm. Smith
2024-052	Apr 9, 24	Change Rescue 7 into a BLS Response Vehicle
2024-053	May 14, 24	New Member - Melanie Rae Barry
2024-054	May 14, 24	Fire District Purchases
2024-055	May 14, 24	Emergency Repair to Ambulance
2024-056	May 14, 24	New SOG #8.06 Ambulance Billing
2024-057	May 14, 24	Apparatus access to buildings way off the road of across creeks
2024-058	May 14, 24	LOSAP 2023 Audit
2024-059	Jun 11, 24	Fire District Purchases
2024-060	Jun 11, 24	Sign the two (2) year Hudson Electrical Rate agreement
2024-061	Jun 11, 24	Renew the CDs for 2023 LOSAP & Morale Maturing this month
2024-062	Jul 9, 24	Fire District Purchases
2024-063	Jul 9, 24	Accept the Annual 2023 Financial Audit
2024-064	Jul 9, 24	Legal Notice for 2023 Financial Audit
2024-065	Jul 9, 24	MOU with Erie County for use of Station 1
2024-066	Aug 13, 24	Resignation/Removal of a Member – Nicholas Sullivan
2024-067	Aug 13, 24	Fire District Purchases
2024-068	Aug 13, 24	FireFly Year Agreement
2024-069	Sep 10, 24	New Member to the Fire Company/District: Robert Ellis
2024-070	Sep 10, 24	Fire District Purchases
2024-071	Sep 10, 24	Agreement for 2-Years for Medical Director
2024-072	Sep 10, 24	Posting of Legal Notice – Budget Meeting
2024-073	Sep 10, 24	New 2024 Record of Activities for Sec/Trea.
2024-074	Sep 10, 24	CD Coming Due in September 2024
2024-075	Oct 8, 24	Fire district Purchases
2024-076	Oct 8, 24	Authorization to Exceed the 2% Property Cap
2024-077	Oct 8, 24	Legal Notice for Fire Commissioner Election
2024-078	Oct 8, 24	CD for Ambulance Billing Extra Funds
2024-079	Oct 8, 24	Declare Emergency Repair Funds to cover Ambulance Expenses
2024-080	Oct 8, 24	Exception to Reimbursing Sales Tax Policy
2024-081	Oct 8, 24	Renewing three (3) Maturing CDs
2024-082	Oct 8, 24	Proposed 2025 Budget Adopted
2024-083	Oct 15, 24	Adopted 2025 Budget
2024-084	Nov 12, 24	Fire District Purchases
2024-085	Nov 12, 24	New LOSAP Plan Document and Investment Risk change
2024-086	Nov 12, 24	SOG Updates and Additions
2024-087	Nov 12, 24	Supplementing 2024 Budget w/New Money (Amb. Billing)
2024-088	Nov 12, 24	Fire District Election Inspectors for 2024
2024-089	Dec 10, 24	New Member – Luciano Polizzi
2024-090	Dec 10, 24	Fire District Purchases
2024-091	Dec 10, 24	Renew maturing CDs OK'd for another 6-Months move LOSAP to BOH
2024-092	Dec 10, 24	Various 2024 Budget overage fund covered