

COLDEN FIRE DISTRICT
Board of Fire Commissioners
Minutes – October 8, 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 O’Connor

1. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings - Approval of Minutes (Regular Meeting September 10, 2024) Commissioner Jarecki made a motion to approve the Minutes as printed and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Marinaccio-Yea, Abraham-Yea, Shelley-Excused, Jarecki-Yea, Smith-Yea Motion Approved

2. Approval of Financial Actions for the Month of September 2024

a. Approval of Treasurer’s Report (Monthly Financial Report) as of October 1, 2024

b. Approval to Transfer Funds:

From Account	To Account	Amount
General Savings	Checking	\$26,000.00

c. Funds Received

Agency	Credit Description	Funds	Year
2024000131	Ambulance Billing Copay	\$ 50.00	2024
2024000178	Ambulance Billing Copay	50.00	2024
Independent Health	Ambulance Billing	645.74	2024
Independent Health	Ambulance Billing	360.00	2024
Highmark WNY	Ambulance Billing	652.58	2024
Medicare Part B	Ambulance Billing	2,180.45	2024
2024000108	Ambulance Billing	240.00	2024

State Farm Mut Auto Ins	Ambulance Billing	359.10	2024
Claim E25342822800-1	Ambulance Billing	605.29	2024
NGS Claim 1710738893	Ambulance Billing	415.34	2024
NIC NY Claim 57261562	Ambulance Billing	268.10	2024
Run 24-161526 (24-229	Ambulance Billing (Co-Pay)	200.00	2024
Run 24-139195 (24-179)	Ambulance Billing (Co-Pay)	225.00	2024
Run 24-155701 (24-223)	Ambulance Billing (Co-Pay)	225.00	2024
NGS CLAIM1710738893	Ambulance Billing	415.34	2024
24-147 or 24-107	Ambulance Billing	300.00	2024
24-232	Ambulance Billing	65.00	2024
24-194	Ambulance Billing	23.91	2024
Highmark WNY	Ambulance Billing	600.49	2024
Aetna	Ambulance Billing	349.98	2024
State Farm Auto Ins	Ambulance Billing	350.00	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	3426	10/1/2024	National Fuel (District Office & Sta 2)	\$ 38.64	A3410.413
2024	3427	10/1/2024	Charter Communication (Internet)	\$ 129.99	A3410.40
2024	3428	10/8/2024	NYSEG (District Office and Sta 2)	\$ 262.79	A3410.412
2024	3429	10/8/2024	Elan Financial Services (Seals & Batteries)	\$ 286.66	A3410.21\$ 92.99 A3410.22\$193.67
2024	3430	10/8/2024	Southtown Tierman (Ambulance Tires)	\$ 2,627.54	Emergency Repair
2024	3431	10/8/2024	George Abraham (TV FF1 Course)	\$ 335.67	A3410.405
2024	3432	10/8/2024	Christine Sudyn (TV FF1 Course)	\$ 335.67	A3410.405
2024	3433	10/8/2024	Gorman Enterprise (PM Engs 1, 2, 3)	\$ 11,873.06	A3410.420
2024	3434	10/8/2024	Witmer Public Safety (Boots and Jumpsuits)	\$ 2,333.00	A3410.21\$1299.00 A3410.22\$1034.00
2024	3435	10/8/2024	ESO Solutions (Support for Faxing)	\$ 64.43	A3410.416
2024	3436	10/8/2024	University EMS, Inc. (Medical Director)	\$ 750.00	A3410.426
2024	3437	10/8/2024	Colden Enterproses, Inc (Ambulance Repair)	\$ 4,841.44	Emergency Repair
2024	3438	10/8/2024	Colden Fire Co. (Fire Ext Insp)	\$ 177.45	A3410.420
2024	3439	10/8/2024	George Abraham (Doll House Material)	\$ 64.14	A3410.403
2024	3440	10/8/2024	MultiMed Billing Service (Ambulance Billing)	\$ 1,034.75	A3410.416
2024	3441	10/8/2024	Alyssa Cole (EMS Course TV & Incidentals)	\$ 1,417.01	3410.405\$1234.27 A3410.403\$182.74
Total				\$ 26,572.24	

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

6,372.81	M&T Checking Account
45,387.32	M&T General Fund Savings
102,044.44	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)
27,684.05	Capital Reserve Account –Repair Res. (Matures: 10/30/24)
830,994.93	Capital Reserve Account – Apparatus (Matures: 10/18/24)
30,432.85	Capital Reserve Account – ISO
16,626.19	Capital Reserve Account – Unrestricted
99,176.26	Capital Reserve Account –SCBA/PPE(Matures: 11/03/24)
17,940.34	Ambulance Billing Checking (Less A/P \$10,323.77)
<u>3,214.76</u>	Capital Reserve Account – Morale (Matures: 1/1/25)
\$1,419,927.65	Total Monetary Assets

Commissioner Smith 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. Vital Signs 2024 will be October 16-20, 2024 in Rochester, NY.
- b. State Insurance Fund sent a Payroll Report update for policy z1234828-0
- c. NYS DOC CJS Report came back negative
- d. Letter from Dolce Panepinto's Office requesting information from an accident on September 25, 2024. Gave the letter to the FOIL Officer.
- e. Letter from NYSIF stating that their FEIN will be 13-3098552
- f. Letter from UnitedHealthcare requesting information in order to complete billing for the ambulance. Gave to Commissioner Smith.
- g. Sent an invoice to Dolce Panepino the cost of three (3) pages copied for them.
- h. Letter from UnitedHealthCare requesting Fire District tax information. Letter forwarded to MultiMed, our billing agency, to take care of since we gave that information to them.

4. Committee Reports

- Personnel, Insurance, Service Award Committee – Nationwide Statement for September 2024 indicated an Employer Discretionary Withdrawal of \$7,020.00, 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

46,235.78	2024 Investment Loss Jan 1 to September 30, 2024
(2,639.86)	Nationwide Advisory Fees-to-Date for 2024
(57,100.00)	Pensions paid out through September 31, 2024
\$ 922,275.15	Total Account Value on 8/31/2024
Additional Program Expenses:	
\$ 4,468.67	Jan 1, 2024 to Date FireFly Admin Fees

- Maintenance of Buildings and Apparatus, Driver Certification, Communications Committee – With 282 days into the 2024 year the District spent \$30,084.41 from A3410.420 on repairs.

- Executive Board Committee – Next meeting will be held on November 4, 2024

- Training Committee – Training Schedule for this coming month:
 - Oct 14, 2024 – Doll House Fire Tng.
 - Oct 21, 2024 – EMS – Scenarios
 - Oct 28, 2024 – TBD

- Standard Operating Guideline (SOG) Committee – No Report

- Medical Readiness – Two (2) Members need Physicals

- Privacy/ Record Access (FOIL) Officer – Received a Request from Dolce Panepinto, Attorney, for information on a crash September 4, 2024

5. Fire Company Readiness

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

Non Deployable Status	
Medical/OSHA	2
Extended Leave	0

Medical (Physicals)		
Scheduled	Completed	Medical %
34	32	94%

Deployable Firefighters (32/34) %		94%	Average Age (29 Members)		59.43 Y O A
Equipment	Authorized	On Hand	Mission Capable		

			Equipment Percentage	FMC	NMC	Readiness Percentage
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	
Overall	6	6	100%	6	0	

Training Status	Strength	Firefighter One	In-House Training	EMT	Fire Police	Percent
Firefighters	19	11	8	0	0	69%
EMS	7	0	0	7	0	83%
Fire Police	8	0	0	0	8	75%
Total	34	11	8	7	8	86%

Number of Fire Responses	3
Number of EMS Responses	25
Total for the Month of Sep 2024	28

2024 Total Responses
279

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 September 2024 have been received.

Support of Special Events: Oct 9, 24 – 8, 7 and an Eng to School fire prevention program
 Oct 11, 24 – Auxiliary Dinner
 Oct 19, 24 – Ham & Turkey raffle
 Oct 26, 24 – Engine to Town Hall for Trunk or

Treat

b. EMS Chief: Updated ESO 3d time in 4 weeks there were changes to meet both State and Federal standards. They also are including LOSAP tracking

c. Safety Officer: No Report

d. President of the Auxiliary: No Report

- e. Fire Police: No Report
- c. President of the Fire Company: No Report

6. Purchase Requests (Equipment / Services):

Description of Items	Account	Cost
Lion Primus Structural Gloves w/Insert Kovenex Lining	A3410.21	\$525.00
2 ea. Lion Starfield 3003EMS Jumpsuits w/shipping	A3410.22	1,034.00
“Do not drink the water” sign for District Office	A3410.418	20.00
Cleaning supplies: Hand Soap, Kitchen Towels	A3410.418	30.00
7 pr. Winter Boots	A3410.22	315.00
7 pr. Winter Gloves	A3410.22	336.00
7 ea. Winter Hats	A3410.22	140.00
Total Estimated Cost		\$2,400.00

Resolution # 2024- 075 – Fire District Purchases

Commissioner Abraham made a motion to approve the purchases and Commissioner Smith 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 has a new air leak
- Resc 7 SCBA Pack has only 30 PSI
- Resc 7 spare bottles 2 ea. at 40 PSI & 1 ea. at 30 PSI
- Eng. 1 found a 2.5" Hose with a leak
- 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: None

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. 1 Missing one (1) SCBA Bottle

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.

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 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.dhss.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 Fireground 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. Working on an new Rescue 7/EMS Response vehicle SOG
- g. One member has not completed the physical as of today. A letter will be sent to them by the Chief (Aug 2024)

8. New Business:

Discussion item # 1 -- RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-c subdivision (5) RELATED TO 2% TAX LEVY CAP

Resolution # 2024-076 – Authorization to Exceed the 2% Property Cap

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Colden Fire District having duly and carefully considering the public safety and fire protection needs of the residents and taxpayers of the Colden Fire District for fiscal year 2025, and

WHEREAS, after such careful consideration, the recurring, regular and other operating costs and obligations of the Colden Fire District require it to exceed the tax levy cap imposed on the Colden Fire District pursuant to General Municipal Law 3-c in order to maintain the level of fire protection and emergency services to the residents and taxpayers of the Colden Fire District which is in the best interests of such residents and taxpayers as determined by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Colden Fire District, and

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law 3-c subdivision 5 requires a fire district to adopt a resolution approved by 60 percent of the total voting power of such body, to override such limit,

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority of Section 3-c subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law, whereby a fire district may adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year, and prior to the adoption of its proposed and/or final budget, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Colden Fire District does hereby override such limit for this coming fiscal year only in order to achieve the purposes of the Colden Fire District.

Commissioner Abraham made a motion to approve exceeding the 2% Budget Cap for Fiscal year 2025 and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Marinaccio-Yea, Abraham-Yea, Shelley-Excused, Jarecki-Yea, Smith-Yea Motion Approved

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted and approved by more than 60% percent of the total voting power of such Board of Fire Commissioners.

Discussion item # 2 – Resolution # 2024-077 – Posting of Legal Notice – Secretary will coordinate with the Springville Journal and post the following Legal Notice for the **upcoming election** on December 10, 2024. Notice will be published on the District Web Site, Town Website and in the Official Paper Springville Journal after November 4th.

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Colden Fire District shall hold an election of one (1) Fire Commissioner for a term of five (5) years pursuant to the laws of the State of New York regarding the operations of the Fire District.

Said election will be held on the 10th day of December 2024 between the hours of 6 P.M. and 9 P.M. at the Fire District Office, 8511 Center Street, Colden, New York 14033.

Candidates for said election shall file their name with the Secretary of the Fire District by November 20, 2024, in writing, to Secretary, Colden Fire District, POB 34, Colden, New York 14033.

Secretary
Colden Fire District

Commissioner Jarecki made a motion to publish the Legal Notice concerning the Fire District elections and Commissioner Abraham seconded the motion. Marinaccio-Yea, Abraham-Yea, Shelley-Excused, Jarecki-Yea, Smith-Yea Motion Approved

Discussion item # 3 – Resolution # 2024-078 –CD for extra Ambulance

Billing Funds: Extra funds in Ambulance Billing fund should be placed in a saving CD earning more than what checking pays. This would be just until we decided we are safe to spend it for things. It is not included in the 2024 budget and we should have a buffer in funds incase of problems in an audit and they decide to take some away for whatever reason.

Commissioner Jarecki made a motion to place extra funds from ambulance billing into a CD incase of some future return of these funds also look into moving the funds to the Bank of Holland and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Marinaccio-Yea, Abraham-Yea, Shelley-Excused, Jarecki-Yea, Smith-Yea Motion Approved

Discussion item # 4 – Resolution # 2024-079 – Emergency Repair to

Ambulance: Ambulance was having complaints about the Rear Air Conditioner not working, new tires needed and the rear suspension sagging again (not raising as it should). Total cost of repairs was \$7,468.98. Vehicle only has less than 25,000 miles on it.

Commissioner Jarecki made a motion to declare emergency repair to the ambulance at a cost of \$7,468.98 cost should be charged to emergency repair fund and Commissioner Abraham seconded the motion. Marinaccio-Yea, Abraham-Yea, Shelley-Excused, Jarecki-Yea, Smith-Yea Motion Approved

Discussion item # 5 – Commissioner Smith would like to talk about ESO Faxing Support. Received and email from DOH concerning new reporting responsibilities for EMS. ESIO will be the lead for the users to get changes. More information to come.

Discussion item # 6 – Resolution # 2024-080 – Exception to not reimbursing

the sales tax: Two New members ended up using their own credit cards to pay for District purchases in expedient situations. One was building a Doll Hose for Monday's fire training and the other needed materials for the EMS course where there was not time to track down the district card holders.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to pay certain sales tax for two new members and Commissioner Jarecki seconded the motion. Marinaccio-Yea, Abraham-Abstained, Shelley-Excused, Jarecki-Yea, Smith-Yea Motion Approved

Discussion item # 7– Resolution # 2024-081 – Renew upcoming Mature CDs: Three (3) CDs due in the coming month. Apparatus Reserve matures October 18, 2024, Repair Reserve CD matures October 30, 2024 and SCBA/PPE CD matures November 3, 2024

Commissioner Abraham made a motion to renew maturing CDs at the best rate the bank is offering at the time and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Marinaccio-Yea, Abraham-Yea, Shelley-Excused, Jarecki-Yea, Smith-Yea
Motion Approved

Discussion item # 8–Two (2) Fire Exit exterior doors at Station 2 still have the old key unlocking system. The purpose for the lock changes was to eliminate access to the many excess keys given out over the years. It was determined that there was no need to enter the building from the exterior, only use as fire exits. The lock can be glued to render the key operation useless. Completed

Discussion item # 9– Proposed 2025 Budget Treasurer will provide the 2025 Proposed (full view) Budget to the Town of Colden for public inspection:

CALENDAR YEAR 2025 Proposed BUDGET - COLDEN FIRE DISTRICT					
Acct #	Description	FY2024 Budget	FY 2025 Budget	Variance	% of Change
A3410.1	ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION				
A3410.11	Custodial Services	\$ 2,126.00	\$ 2,190.00	\$ 64.00	3%
A3410.12	Secretary / Treasurer	\$ 8,910.00	\$ 9,177.00	\$ 267.00	3%
A3410.13	Records Manager	\$ 4,120.00	\$ 4,244.00	\$ 124.00	3%
	A3410.1 SUBTOTAL	\$ 15,156.00	\$ 15,611.00	\$ 455.00	3%
A3410.2	EQUIPMENT			\$ -	
A3410.2	Capital Equipment	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ -	0%
A3410.21	Fire	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	0%
A3410.22	First Aid	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	0%
A3410.23	Fire Police	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	0%
	A3410.2 SUBTOTAL	\$ 35,200.00	\$ 35,200.00	\$ -	0%
A3410.4	CONTRACTUAL AND OTHER EXPENSES			\$ -	
A3410.401	Office Equipment and Supplies	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -	0%
A3410.402	Postage	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -	0%
A3410.403	Fire and First Aid Training/CME	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	0%
A3410.404	Other Travel (Conventions)	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	0%
A3410.405	Travel Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	0%
A3410.406	Fire Prevention	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -	0%
A3410.407	Chief Operating Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	0%
A3410.408	Association Dues (Includes Air Bank)	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 100.00	7%
A3410.409	Public Drills, Parades, Inspections	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ (500.00)	-28%
A3410.410	Publication of Notices	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -	0%
A3410.411	Audit Fees (Financial and Svc Award)	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 1,650.00	52%
A3410.412	Electric - NYSEG	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	0%
A3410.413	Gas - National Fuel	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 4,900.00	\$ -	0%
A3410.430	Spectrum (Internet)	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 50.00	
A3410.415	Verizon Wireless	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	0%
A3410.416	App, Billing and Radio Support	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	122%
A3410.418	Maintenance Supplies (Hardware & Janitorial)	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00	\$ -	0%
A3410.419	Repairs to Buildings	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (500.00)	-33%
A3410.420	Repairs to Apparatus & Equipment	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	53%
A3410.421	Appartus Fuel	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)	-25%
A3410.422	Hamburg Dispatch	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)	-5%
A3410.423	Public Liability Insurance	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	3%
A3410.424	Other Insurances	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	0%
A3410.425	Legal & Other Fees	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ (8,000.00)	-50%
A3410.426	Medical Direction	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	0%
A3410.427	Lease - Rent	\$ 27,600.00	\$ 27,600.00	\$ -	0%
A3410.431	Water Supply Contract	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	0%
A3410.432	Red Alert Service Contract	\$ 3,347.00	\$ -	\$ (3,347.00)	-100%
	A3410.4 SUBTOTAL	\$ 167,397.00	\$ 176,850.00	\$ 9,453.00	5.65%
A9000.8	LEGAL AND EMPLOYEE EXPENSES			\$ -	
A9010.8	Pension (NYS Retirement System)	\$ 1,648.00	\$ 1,730.00	\$ 82.00	5%
A9040.83	Worker Compensation State Fund	\$ 34,500.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ (4,500.00)	-13%
A9030.84	Social Security /Medicare/ IRS	\$ 1,167.00	\$ 1,225.00	\$ 58.00	5%
A9060.85	Medical / Hospitalization / Physicals	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)	-14%
A9025.86	Service Award Program	\$ 102,000.00	\$ 102,000.00	\$ -	0%
	A9000.8 SUBTOTAL	\$ 146,315.00	\$ 140,955.00	\$ (5,360.00)	-4%
A9901.9	CAPITAL RESERVES			\$ -	
A9901.91	Capital Reserve Fund - Apparatus	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	75%
	A9901.9 SUBTOTAL	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	75%
	2024/2025 Total Budget	\$ 404,068.00	\$ 442,689.00	\$ 38,621.00	9%
	Ambulance Billing Income Expected		\$ (25,000.00)		
	Tax Money	\$ 404,068.00	413,616.00	\$ 9,548.00	2.36%

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adopt the proposed 2025 Budget and turn it into the Town for Public Review and Commissioner Jarecki seconded the motion. Marinaccio-Yea, Abraham-Yea, Shelley-Excused, Jarecki-Yea, Smith-Yea Motion Approved

9. Public Comments: None

10. Special Budget Meeting: Tuesday October 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the District Office

11. Next Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday November 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the District Office.

12. Adjournment @ 8:59 P.M. With no further business to conduct, Commissioner Marinaccio made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Jarecki 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

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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