

COLDEN FIRE DISTRICT
Board of Fire Commissioners
Minutes – September 12, 2023

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

Chairman Smith 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, Brian O’Connor, James DePasquale, Kody DePasquale, James Walter

1. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings - Approval of Minutes (Regular Meeting August 8, 2023) Commissioner Abraham made a motion to approve the Minutes as printed and Commissioner Jarecki seconded the motion. Smith-Yea, Marinaccio-Yea, Abraham-Yea, Shelley-Excused, Jarecki-Yea, Motion Approved

2. Approval of Financial Actions for the Month of August 2023

- a. Approval of Treasurer’s Report (Monthly Financial Report) as of September 1, 2023
- b. Approval to Transfer Funds:

From Account	To Account	Amount
General Savings	Checking	17,000.00

c.

Approval of Bills Ratification of District Accounts Payable for the month

Year Funds Obligated	Claim Number	Date	Description of Transaction	Cost	Account Line
2023	3208	8/11/2023	Verizon (iPhone & ePads)	\$ 99.99	A3410.415
2023	Auto	8/28/2023	Deluxe (Blank Checks for Banking)	\$ 258.39	A3410.401
2023	3209	9/1/2023	National Fuel (Sta 2 & District Office)	\$ 37.33	A3410.413
2023	3210	9/1/2023	Charter Communication (Sta 2 Internet)	\$ 129.99	A3410.430
2023	3211	9/12/2023	NYSEG (District Office)	\$ 70.69	A3410.412
2023	3212	9/12/2023	Gorman Enterprises (Annual Vehicle Inspections)	\$ 6,420.51	A3410.420
2023	3213	9/12/2023	Witmer Public Safety Gp (Replace Eductor)	\$ 215.25	A3410.20
2023	3214	9/12/2023	ESO Sulations, Inc. (App Support for monitor)	\$ 4,877.97	A3410.416
2023	3215	9/12/2023	Patrick Murphv (Custodian Service Jul-Sep 2023)	\$ 367.52	A3410.11
2023	3216	9/12/2023	Michael Schneider (Sec/Trea Service Jul-Sep 2023)	\$ 959.21	A3410.12
2023	3217	9/12/2023	Douglas Hyde (Records Manager)	\$ 439.28	A3410.13
2023	3218	9/12/2023	Life-Assist, Inc (Varios Medical Items)	\$ 381.16	A3410.22
2023	3219	9/12/2023	Colden Fire Company (Fire Ext. Insp.)	\$ 83.98	A3410.420
2023	3220	9/12/2023	DiVal Safety & Supplies (Fire Ext Repair)	\$ 308.90	A3410.420
2023	3221	9/12/2023	Verizon (iPhone & ePads)	\$ 99.99	A3410.415
2023	3222	9/12/2023	Department of the Treasury (941 Jul-Sep 2023)	\$ 1,574.82	A3410.11\$ 138.73 A3410.12\$1162.29 A3410.13\$ 3639 A9030.84\$ 237.41
2023	3223	9/12/2023	Pete Lore (Pointing & Sealing)	\$ 752.00	A3410.419
				Total	\$ 17,076.98

d. Fire District Assets: as of September 1, 2023

2,063.61	M&T Checking Account
0	PayPal
218,634.72	M&T General Fund Savings
102,000.00	2023 LOSAP CD (Matures 6/23/2024)
26,925.05	Capital Reserve Account –Repair Res. (Matures: 10/18/23)
699,859.78	Capital Reserve Account – Apparatus (Matures: 04/18/24)
30,426.75	Capital Reserve Account – ISO
16,622.85	Capital Reserve Account – Unrestricted
77,985.80	Capital Reserve Account –SCBA/PPE(Matures: 11/01/23)
3,125.78	Capital Reserve Account – Morale (Matures: 06/28/24)
<u>\$1,177,644.34</u>	Total Monetary Assets

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

3. Correspondence and communications received:

- a. Letter from M&T Bank updating their Digital Service Agreement
- b. AFDSNY Fire District Affairs Vol 7 No 04 Aug/Sep 2023 electronic copy
- c. Submitted NYS Department of Financial Services Authorization Agreement for direct Deposit of 2% Funds (because last year the District changed the Checking account)
- d. Returned the US Flag and exchanged it for a new one.
- e. Advertisement from Excelsior Management offering CPR/AED Certification mailed from Reno, NV 89508 with a buffaloem.com address.
- f. T/Colden Code Enforcement Officer annual inspection of District Office and Station 2
- g. Letter from Workers' Compensation Board about a Member's claim: hearing scheduled for 9/25/23 and 10/17/23 for the Bench Decision.
- h. Letter from M&T Bank informing the District they had an incident involving "MOVEit," a file used in transferring funds and the District may have been exposed to customer information. PINs, password and other sensitive data was not accessed.
- i. Ordered checks for the District
- j. VFIS Newsletter September 2023
- k. Message from Dave Stromecki concerning VFIS Training remotely. Fifty (50) Classes are available
- l. Hardcopy of the AFDSNY Newsletter arrived for Aug-Sep 2023
- m. Five hundred (500) blank checks have arrived. Placed in the safe for future use.
- n. Letter from NYSEG confirming that Hudson Energy Services will supply our electricity
- o. M&T Credit Card invoice received with no charges posted on it.

- p. Letter from Workers' Compensation Stating that there will be hearing at 10:00 AM on September 25, 2023 pertaining to a claim from a CFC Member

4. Committee Reports

- Personnel, Insurance, Service Award Committee – Nationwide Statement for August 2023 indicated an Employer Discretionary Withdrawal of \$6,700.00, the normal monthly benefits paid. An analysis of the District's Nationwide account:

\$ 752,343.68	Opening Value on 01/01/2023
102,000.00	Contribution in M&T CD be made in June 2023
35,897.57	2023 Investment Gain to July 31, 2023
<u>(47,120.00)</u>	Pensions paid out through July 31, 2023
\$ 843,121.25	Total Account Value on 07/31/2023
Additional Program Expenses:	
\$2,825.17	Nationwide Advisory Fees-to-Date for 2023
\$4,359.03	Jan 1, 2023 to Dec 31, 2023 FireFly Admin Fees
- PIMCO Real Rtn Inst Expense Ration change from 0.47% to 0.67%
- Maintenance of Buildings and Apparatus, Driver Certification, Communications Committee – With 254 days into the 2023 year the District spent \$10,454.84 from A3410.420 on repairs.
 - (Aug 23) Inspection of Sta. 2 Exhaust for generator needs repair
 - (Aug 23) Duct work for radiant heat needs replacing
 - Ambulance antenna was broken off when it was backed into a driveway with low branches in the dead of night.
 - (Sep 23) Eng. 3 Deck Gun very stiff to operate
 - (Sep 23) Eng 3 Five (5) SCBA on board with only three (3) Masks
 - (Sep 23) Eng 2 Five (5) SCBA on board with only four (4) Masks
- Executive Board Committee – Next meeting will be held on September 25, 2023 at 6:30 PM
- Training Committee – Training Schedule for this coming month:
 - Sep 18, 2023 – Palmers Dollhouse
 - Sep 25, 2023 – EMS TBD
- Standard Operating Guideline (SOG) Committee – No Report
- Medical Readiness – Three (3) physicals outstanding
- Privacy Officer – No Report

5. Fire Company Readiness

Personnel	Authorized	Beginning Strength	Gains for Month	Losses for Month	Ending Strength	Percent
Firefighters	37	18	2	0	20	49%
EMS	11	5	0	0	5	45%
Fire Police	10	8	0	0	8	80%
Total	58	31	2	0	33	53%

Non Deployable Status	
Medical/OSHA	4
Extended Leave	0

Medical (Physicals)		
Scheduled	Completed	Medical %
33	29	90%

Deployable Firefighters (27/33) %		87%	Average Age (29 Members)		59.43 Y O 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	
Overall	6	6	100%	6	0	100%

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Training Status	Strength	Firefighter One	In-House Training	EMT	Fire Police	Percent
Firefighters	20	11	9	0	0	69%
EMS	5	0	0	5	0	100%
Fire Police	8	0	2	0	6	75%
Total	33	11	11	5	6	86%

Number of Fire Responses	9
Number of EMS Responses	16
Total for the Month of Aug 2023	25

2023 Total Responses	215
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Recruitment Activities for Month: Advertised on both Fire Company Marquees, and sponsored the Boy Scout bottle return drive, Colden Concerts 2023 and BOLO Food Distribution. Placed recruitment tables at Car Show and ArtFest

a. Fire Chief:

Call/Drill sign-in sheets for August 2023 have been received.

Support of Special Events: Sep 15 – Aux appreciation at Fire Company
Oct 11, 12 or 13 Fire Prevention at School
Oct 21 – Ham & Turkey fund raiser

b. EMS Chief: DOH coming September 28, 2023 inspect and Re-Certify the CFD Ambulance

c. Safety Officer: No Report

d. President of the Auxiliary: no Report

e. Fire Police: Still looking at equipment needed for winter

c. President of the Fire Company:

Resolution # 2023- 068 – Application for Membership to the Fire Company/District: George Abraham

WHEREAS, the Fire District has received an application from the Colden Fire Company for appointment of George Abraham 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 Abraham's name for his background check and it came back _____

Commissioner Jarecki made a motion to Accept George Abraham as a Member to the CFC and Commissioner Marinaccio seconded the motion. Smith-Yea, Marinaccio-Yea, Abraham-Abstained, Shelley-Excused, Jarecki-Yea, Motion Approved

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

Resolution # 2023- 069 – Application for Membership to the Fire Company/District: Kody DePasquale

WHEREAS, the Fire District has received an application from the Colden Fire Company for appointment of Kody DePasquale to said Company as a Volunteer adjunct; and

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

WHEREAS, Assistant Fire Chief James DePasquale submitted Kody's name for his back ground check and it came back _____

Commissioner Jarecki made a motion to Accept Kody DePasquale as an adjunct Member to the CFC and Commissioner Marinaccio seconded the motion. Smith-Yea, Marinaccio-Yea, Abraham-Yea, Shelley-Excused, Jarecki-Yea, Motion Approved

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

6. Purchase Requests (Equipment / Services):

Description of Items	Account	Cost
Checking Account Checks	A3410.401	\$270.00
4 ea. Leardal Thomas Select Tube Holders	A3410.22	18.00
2 ea. The I-Gel Supraglottic Airway, Sm	A3410.22	69.32
2 ea. The I-Gel Supralottic Airway, med.	A3410.22	69.32
The I-Gel Supralottic Airway, lg.	A3410.22	34.66
2 pk. ConMed Totaltrace Foam Electrodes, Adhesive	A3410.22	16.36
2 ea. Test Strips, Arkray Assure Prism, bt/50	A3410.22	29.20
10 ea. MedSource O2 Mask, non-rebreather, Pedi	A3410.22	21.00
10 ea. CapnoLine FilerLine, Adult/Ped	A3410.22	123.30
4 ea. Baxter 0.9% Sodium Chloride, 500 ml Bottle	A3410.22	21.84
Point and Seal District Office	A3410.419	752.00
3 Sets of Turnout Gear	A3410.20	10,419.00
Palmer Dollhouse Supplies for Training	A3410.405	90.00
Batteries	A3410.21	40.00
Total Estimated Cost		\$11,974.00

Resolution # 2023- 070 – Fire District Purchases

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

7. Unfinished Business:

1. Equipment defects that need to be addressed:

- Ambulance was weight tested for a balance study of the vehicle. Information was gathered and sent to tech support who returned with the answer that the ambulance may be too light by 4000 pounds for the liquid shocks. Still looking for a better answer. Will ask Gorman
- Antenna needed for marquee at Station 2 (part order and replaced District will receive an invoice soon) Works intermittently, still watching as of January Mtg. Antenna replaced by one in stock but, the upper two (2) panels on the board are still only working intermittently.
- South wall on District Office needs to be weather proofed (\$150.00) Pete Lore' has been consulted and hopefully can fix in late summer
- Recommended Under Coating Engine 1 and 3 (Waiting on Town Board approval). New vehicle arriving this June, need to coordinate with Town Garage.
- Rescue 7 Broke Flashlight # 103 (Bulb broken) (checking with a different light)
- Rescue 7 Two (2) portable radio chargers inop. (can order if desired???)
- Rescue 7 – One Pelican light is just blinking (Apr Insp) (recharging to see if it works???)
- Eng. 1 Pike Poll missing (Mar Insp) (Will take off Eng. 2)
- Recall on Ambulance Steering Osculation problem (May 2023) gave letter to Commissioner Shelley
- Safety Concern Sta. 2 Man Door Entrance – Piece of metal, about 4 Foot up, on the wall that sticks out about 2” on opening side of door (West side), cuts arms.
- Rescue 7 Only one (1) brush fire nozzle (Jun 23)
- Rescue 7 has no safety cones (Jun 23)

Gorman Problems:

- Engine 3 Low fuel light came on while gage reading full (Gorman Problem) Actually it is water in fuel light which has been on for years too costly.
- Eng. 3 Deck Gun is difficult to move (Gorman problem)
- Eng. 3 Shore line ejector not ejecting power line
- Eng. 3 white marker light on rear driver side not working
- Eng. 2 Something about Light on Tank Full Broke, Pump Panel (Mar Insp)
- Eng. 2 Rt. Side lower body lights Inop. (Mar Insp)
- Eng. 1 – A light is out on the light bar (Apr Insp) (Gorman problem) Actually it is the spinner that sticks at times.

Items on **Comm. Shelley's List:**

- Eng. 2 Missing an SCBA (one broke and Eng. 2 will be cannibalized as needed)
- Eng. 2 Missing a Radio Charger (4 Radios and 3 Chargers) One radio went to an EMT with a charger and another charger broke
- Eng. 2 Missing the Submersible Pump (Put on Eng.3) (Comm. Shelley Working a list of known ongoing items)
- Eng. 2 No Thermal Imaging on board (Apr Insp) (Comm. Shelley)
- Eng. 2 Three (3) SCBA Masks for four (4) SCBAs (Apr Insp) (Comm. Shelley)
- Eng. 3 Silver Fire Extinguisher on rear missing insp. Tag (Filed & Charged often)

2. New Assessment Program CFC VP Walter requested: Since the District received its first installment for this new program there is a need to receive a report as to more specifics e.g. is this program what was expected, who is trained up to tasks, has anything been implemented as of today?? All the Chiefs have taken the assessments now we move into the next section (Jun 23). The Chief said he is leaning a lot from the assessment program. They are up to the Disc charting learning that not everybody likes to be treated the same. Next area the group will be moving into is Trust. (Jul 2023). (Sep 2023 Update) The program is at a point that all the Chiefs will talk one-on-one with Jim Walter before moving on to the next phase. A survey of the chiefs indicated that the program was starting to work. They felt people are working together better.

3. Grant Writing: Town of Colden would like to know if the District would like to be involved is using the town grant writer? A meeting with the Grant Writers Rotella Grants will be held on Wednesday on June 21, 2023. The District is invited. Cost can be discussed after we see how they can help each of the interested parties. Meeting was very informative and encouraging about receiving grants. Someone in the fire company needs to be the Grant Project Manager.

4. Time to start forming a Committee for having discussions on the future of the Colden Fire Company and their future needs as far as equipment goes. It is also time to look into getting a new attack truck. (Aug 23) Estimate of new SCBA total replacement is \$224,656.00 (21 racks with two (2) bottles each). Commissioner Shelley wants to work, this winter, on a new five (5) year plan to revamp the fleet with all updated equipment to meet today's needs.

5. Time is right to look at taking advantage of being an Ambulance Service that charges per call. The law has been out there for some time and other companies have more experience with the new concept. Talking with Holland at this time. (July 2023) Received an information flyer from Professional Ambulance Billing LLC (PAB) out of Williamsville (June 2023). (From 2022 discussions) NYS has finally approved the Fair Play Cost Recovery Bill that many have been seeking for years. Another name for the bill is EMS Cost Recovery NYFD. This Legislation allows Fire Districts to for EMS services. There are many strings

attached. Effective date of this law is July 8, 2022. It was adopted with the 2022 Budget Bill. It was put out in webinar on April 22, 2022 (round table talk. If interested the first thing the District must get is an NPI Number. The talk was mostly in acronyms. Question will be answered at Secretary@FASNY.com. Brian Sudyn is trying to get onto the FASNY Website, since he is the CFC FASNY representative for CFC. There we many find what the acronyms mean. The next step they recommend was to engage a Billing Service because the medical billing is very complex and full of pitfalls. Two of the people on the panel worked for or with Billing Services. There are many Government agencies involved with their own rules and pay out schedules. Examples include Workers Compensation, Medicare, Medicaid, plus various private insurance companies ETC. there are time gates to meet when billing. Major over all rule: Everyone must be treated the same. This means no special treatment for Fire Company Members. Medical billing services are hard to find in NYS at this time. Put on hold to see how our Mutual Agreement Companies handle this new development. (Sept 2023) Holland is billing now and working out problems and Boston is just starting to bill. There were many questions about billing and copays.

8. New Business:

Discussion item # 1 – Key FOBS to Secure the Buildings: There is a proposal to install new locks on all the buildings. Fire District would be responsible for the District Office and Station 2 at a cost of about \$8,000.00 (\$3,965.00 X 2 Plus a 10-Pack of FOBS for \$67.50). May cost more than it is worth. With the new door for Station 1 in play it should be considered to wire the door for a FOB during installation. Question for the Sta. 1 front door: is \$10,000.00 necessary? Where did the vestibule idea go? Simple door overhaul may be all the door needs.

Discussion item # 2 – Review of ESO by the EMS members Chief Sudyn and Commissioner Smith. All three (3) apps are used by the EMS basic Unit. Therefore, no changes need to be made at this time. The \$4,877.97 App Annual fees can be paid.

Discussion item # 3 – Stipends for new training starting in 2024: DHSES AND OFPC WORK ON REGULATIONS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER TRAINING STIPENDS Previously, we informed you that as part of the 2023 Budget Bills, the Legislature and the Governor took measures to address the issue of volunteer firefighter recruitment and retention by introducing a new law that establishes a training stipend program. This program allows New York State to provide a monetary stipend to volunteer firefighters who complete specific approved training courses. However, crucial details need clarification regarding

this program: 1. Which courses will qualify for volunteer firefighters to receive the state's stipend upon completion? 2. What procedures must volunteer fire departments and fire districts follow to enroll their personnel in these courses and ensure they are on track to receive the monetary stipend upon completion? 3. How much will the stipend amount be? 4. Is there enough funding available to cover payments for all volunteers who successfully complete the approved courses? 5. Will the state continue to fund the program in future budget years? 6. How will regulations address the ability of local entities to establish locally funded programs? 7. Are there any income tax implications for volunteer firefighters receiving these stipends? To implement the new General Municipal Law §200-aa, the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) and its Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC) have been assigned the task of developing the necessary regulations. It is essential to note that the new statute will take effect on August 31, 2023, and outlines the aforementioned provisions.

Training stipend for volunteer firefighters

1. For purposes of this section:(a) "fire company" shall have the same meaning as defined in section three of the volunteer firefighters' benefit law.(b) "training stipend" means payment of a nominal fee to a volunteer firefighter of a stipend for the completion of certain firefighter training, as identified and published by the office of fire prevention and control.(c) "volunteer firefighter" shall have the same meaning as defined in section three of the volunteer firefighters' benefit law.

2. The governing board of a city, town, village or fire district may, by local law, ordinance or resolution, authorize a fire company to provide training stipends to volunteer firefighters.

3. The office of fire prevention and control may make available state funds through a training stipend to volunteer firefighters for completion of certain firefighter training, as identified and published by the office of fire prevention and control.

4. No volunteer firefighter may receive a training stipend from both a volunteer fire company pursuant to subdivision two of this section and the office of fire prevention and control pursuant to subdivision three of this section for completion of the same firefighter training.

5. Any training stipend provided under this section shall not be deemed remuneration or gratuity under the volunteer firefighters' benefit law or any other provision of law and shall not interfere with or impact the volunteer status of volunteer firefighters under the volunteer firefighters' benefit law or any other provision of law.

6. The office of fire prevention and control shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

N.Y. Gen. Mun. Law § 200-AA; Added by New York Laws 2023, Ch. 55, Sec. H-2, eff. 8/31/2023. The statute permits both a state and a local training stipend program. The local fire district would fund any local program it might set up. The state will fund the state program. Volunteers cannot receive a state and local stipend for completing the same course. Boards of Fire Commissioners in fire districts must consider any funding needs for a local training stipend program in 2024 when they develop the proposed fire district budget for 2024. Recently, representatives of state fire service organizations participated in a Webex remote meeting with representatives of DHSES and OFPC in reference to the progress those agencies had made in the development of their draft regulations. Some

suggestions were discussed. We anticipate that DHSES and OFPC will be issuing proposed regulations in the coming weeks. Those regulations will be published in the State Register with a comment period for the public. When those regulations are posted in the State Register. We will place them on our website. Please keep in mind that we anticipate that the state regulations will cover both the state and local programs. Fire districts should wait for the final regulations before developing local programs. It is also important to remember that the purpose of these programs is to enhance recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters now and in the future. The programs will reward the efforts taken to attend future training sessions. They will not provide stipends for training sessions attended in the past. We are hopeful the forthcoming regulations will address the questions raised in this article. Furthermore, representatives from DHSES and OFPC expressed their intention to release an FAQ document along with the adopted regulations for further clarity.

Question for the Colden Fire District is: The mileage the District pays, is that considered a stipend???

Discussion item # 4 – Resolution # 2023-071 – Emergency repairs required on the District building. The work included pointing and Sealing the exterior walls of the Office. Work completed by Peter Lore. Cost was \$752.00 (Account A3410.419 goes over budget).

Commissioner Shelley made a motion to approve the emergency work completed on the District Office and Commissioner Jarecki seconded the motion. Smith-Yea, Marinaccio-Yea, Abraham-Yea, Shelley-Yea, Jarecki-Yea, Motion Approved

Discussion item # 5 – Five (5) New Ambulances in Erie County: September 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM there will be a conference exploring the idea of an MOU for the use of Station 1 to house an Erie County ambulance. On September 21, 2023 there will be representatives from the new Erie County EMS assist program at the Colden Fire Company sizing up the building as a possible site to house one of the EMS ambulances.

Discussion item # 6 – Suggestion: It would be nice to receive a letter of appreciation for the time spent as a volunteer once a member retires or moves on. The letter should include some of their accomplishments the individual has completed while in the Fire Service. The Fire Company has thought this would be a good idea when this was mentioned in the past. One of the ideas that was looked at was maybe giving a watch after so many years of service. Problem appears to be no one ever wrote many things in a file about individuals.

Discussion item # 7– CFC VP Jim Walter will contact the Town Hall for a list of new people who recently moved into the Town and send them an invitation to join the Fire Company. (July 2023) Found a contact in Erie County who can help

divide Colden Fire district from Aurora Colden Fire District. Did receive an updated list of addresses (Aug 23). It appears to have helped with the fund drive

Discussion item # 8– CFC is working on an information sheet to be given to new members about the workings or Who is Who of the Fire Company. Fire Company reported that the information sheet is in final review and will be distributed to all the new members. There will be an orientation given in October, Mentors will be assigned to the new members, they will also inform all members who is help who per Colden 9. The Company is expecting an increase in the learning curve.

Discussion item # 9– Colden 9 stated that he cannot do both the Colden-9 and EMS Chief jobs. Just not enough time. Still looking for someone to handle the EMS Chief position. Position will remain empty until further notice; everyone involved is pitching in to help at the current time.

Discussion item # 10– Undercoating all District Vehicles: again this year the District is looking into undercoating all the District vehicles with the Town of Colden vehicles. Supervisor DePasquale will talk with Town of Colden Highway Department personnel.

9. Public Comments: None

10. Next Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday October 10, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the District Office.

11. Adjournment @ 8:37 P.M. With no further business to conduct, Commissioner Abraham made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Jarecki seconded the motion. Smith-Yea, Marinaccio-Yea, Abraham-Yea, Shelley-Yea, Jarecki-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 2023 Resolutions		
Resolution Number	Date	Description of Resolution
2023-001	Jan 5, 23	Appointment of Chairperson for Calendar Year 2023
2023-002	Jan 5, 23	Appointment of Vice-Chairperson for Calendar Year 2023
2023-003	Jan 5, 23	Adoption of Agenda
2023-004	Jan 5, 22	Adoption of Robert's Rules of Order
2023-005	Jan 5, 23	Appointment of Treasurer/Secretary
202-006	Jan 5, 23	Standard Day Filing to NYS
2023-007	Jan 5, 23	Appointment of Records Managers
2023-008	Jan 5, 23	Appointment of District Custodian
2023-009	Jan 5, 23	Authorizing Appointment of Attorney for Calendar Year 2023
2023-010	Jan 5, 23	Designating Surety Bonding for the Treasurer of the Colden Fire District
2023-011	Jan 5, 23	Authorizing Regular Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2023
2023-012	Jan 5, 23	Designation of Official Newspaper for Publications for Calendar Year 2023
2023-013	Jan 5, 23	Authorizing Per Diem and Mileage Reimbursements
2023-014	Jan 5, 23	Authorizing Advance Travel Payments
2023-015	Jan 5, 23	Appointment of Fire District Purchasing Agents
2023-016	Jan 5, 23	Fire District Memberships
2023-017	Jan 5, 23	Renewals of All Fire District Lease and Recurring Contractual Agreements
2023-018	Jan 5, 23	Authorizing Approval and Payment of Claims
2023-019	Jan 5, 23	Designation of Fire District Bank
2023-020	Jan 5, 23	Review of Expenditures (Calendar Year 2022)
2023-021	Jan 5, 23	Fire District Committee Appointments
2023-022	Jan 5, 23	Appointment of Independent Auditor for Calendar Year 2022 Records
2023-023	Jan 5, 23	Open Government Resolution
2023-024	Jan 5, 23	Signature Authority
2023-025	Jan 10, 23	Fire District Purchases
2023-026	Jan 10, 23	New Property Tax Exemption Law of NYS
2023-027	Jan 10, 23	Incident Commander to determine SCBA use on CO Calls
2023-028	Jan 10, 23	New Agreement with UBMD service for Medical Director
2023-029	Jan 10, 23	Colden LOSAP points
2023-030	Feb 14, 23	Fire District Purchases
2023-031	Feb 14, 23	Approval of Service Award Credit for Year 2022
2023-032	Feb 14, 23	Annual Inspection Dinner
2023-033	Feb 14, 23	2022 Achievement Awards
2023-034	Feb 14, 23	Enhancing Response for Town Residence Resolution
2023-035	Feb 14, 23	Acknowledgement and Acceptance of the 2022 year AUD
2023-036	Feb 14, 23	Resignation of Member K. Pawlowski
2023-037	Feb 14, 23	EMT Recertification/CME program Coordinator for CFD
2023-038	Feb 14, 23	Record Managers Program addition to paid activities list
2023-039	Feb 14, 23	CFC Officer change due to Resignation
2023-040	Feb 14, 23	E. C. and The T/Colden Tax Saving for Vol. Fire Fighters
2023-041	Mar 14, 23	Fire District Purchases
2023-042	Mar 14, 23	2023/2024 Colden Fire Company Announced Elected Officers
2023-043	Mar 14, 23	Authorize Early Payment for EMT Book

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2023-044	Mar 14, 23	Updated/Revised Standard Day filing
2023-045	Mar 14, 23	Revoke the authorized \$862.84 Funds Resolution 2022-074
2023-046	Apr 11, 23	Resignation from CFC – Vincent Nye
2023-047	Apr 11, 23	Resignation from CFC – Clifford Letson
2023-048	Apr 11, 23	CFD Purchases Approved
2023-049	Apr 11, 23	Accept the Donation of Lucas Chest Compression System
2023-050	May 9, 23	New Member – Christine Sudyn
2023-051	May 9, 23	New Member Alyssa Cole
2023-052	May 9, 23	Resignation of Member – Charles Kramer
2023-053	May 9, 23	Accept the 2022 Annual Financial Audit
2023-054	May 9, 23	Matter of adopting Actuarial Assumptions for the CFD LOSAP
2023-055	Jun 13, 23	Resignation of Member – Charles Hall
2023-056	Jun 13, 23	Reinstate Member – James Smith
2023-057	Jun 13, 23	CFD Purchases Approved
2023-058	Jun 13, 23	Temporarily place the 2023 LOSAP Funds in a CD
2023-059	Jul 11, 23	New Member – Susan Glanville
2023-060	Jul 11, 23	New Member – Robert Glanville
2023-061	Jul 11, 23	CFD Purchases Approved
2023-062	Aug 8, 23	New Member - Salvatore Polizzi
2023-063	Aug 8, 23	New Member – Grace Baddick
2023-064	Aug 8, 23	Fire District Purchases
2023-065	Aug 8, 23	New LOSAP Contract with FireFly Admin
2023-066	Aug 8, 23	New Energy Supplier Contract with Hudson Energy (12-months)
2023-067	Aug 8, 23	SOG 2-02 Membership Requirement Change (Adjunct Active)
2023-068	Sep 12, 23	New Member – George Abraham
2023-069	Sep 12, 23	New Member – Kody DePasquale
2023-070	Sep 12, 23	Fire District Purchases
2023-071	Sep 12, 23	Emergency Repair to District Office