

SOUTH OLDHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
MINUTES JANUARY 22, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the South Oldham Fire Department, Inc. Board was held on Monday, January 22, 2024 at the Firehouse.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, David Thompson, at 7:30 p.m. with the following Board Members present: Patrick Stoess, Tim Deibel, Rawert, Hoskins, Jones, Gardner, Beard, Wakefield, Davis, Thompson, Nelson, Johnson, Holder, Robert Deibel, Marshall, Espisito, Miller, and Turner. Also present were Chief Blakely and Laura Stoess.

OFFICER REPORTS:

SECRETARY: The Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER: The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Matt Nelson. Major Nelson reported the following bank balances for December:

Capital Improvement account	\$ 1,095,446.97
Checking account	\$ 17,539.51
Money Market account	\$ 2,106,705.75
Auxiliary account	\$ 5,303.02
Chief's account	\$ 1,662.71
Total cash on hand	\$3,226,657.96

Major Nelson reported that the interest earned year-to-date on the capital improvements account is \$32,697.96. The interest earned year-to-date on the Money Market account is \$42,168.19. Major Nelson reminded Members that money is kept in the Money Market account as long as possible in order to earn interest before funds are transferred over to other accounts. In addition, we are now saving \$5,000 per quarter on insurance.

Motion to accept the December Treasurer's report was made by William Marshall. Norb Rawert seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Major Nelson reported the following bank balances for January:

Capital Improvement account	\$ 1,099,285.24
Checking account	\$ 26,906.36

Money Market account	\$ 1,953,736.12
Auxiliary account	\$ 3,953.02
Chief's account	\$ 830.71
Total cash on hand	\$3,084,711.45

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Eddie Turner. Richard Beard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Blakely reported 81 responses for December and 1123 responses for 2023. He reported 55 responses to date for January. Training for the month consisted of drivers training, firefighter review, ice rescue, hazardous materials, search and rescue, and CPR recertifications. Shift training consisted of extrication, vehicle stabilization, and air bag systems.

Fire Schools and Training for January include County Fire Tactics Officer Development Program January 15-19, 2024 and Georgetown Fire Symposium January 20-21, 2024. Upcoming Fire Schools and Training will be an NFA PICO class February 3-4, 2024 and an NFA DMICO class February 24-25.

Staff certifications include NIMS 300/400 for Sgt. Norris and Firefighter Brown.

School fire drills were performed at Kenwood Station and Camden Station Elementary Schools.

Unit 5401 needs repair work for the replacement of oil sensor and ball joints. Two estimates were obtained, but the earliest the work can be done is January 31, 2024. Work was done on Unit 5438 to repair the head gasket. Annual SCBA testing was completed.

Kentucky Artisan Distillery has advised that they have contracted with Easy Pro to handle the pressure washing. This will be scheduled as the weather allows.

In December, the Department conducted a Toy Drive in connection with the Barry Stoess Christmas Food Baskets program to provide toys for local children.

The Lucas Device has been ordered. Delivery is expected in twelve (12) weeks. South Oldham Fire Department will offer the Emergency Medical Technicians Course in 2024.

Recent incidents include a lengthy extrication on Hwy. 329, a structure fire at 5418 Smith Haven Lane in LaGrange, a structure fire at 116 Duncan Avenue in LaGrange, and a structure fire at 419 Hoffman Lane.

There will be an awards banquet on Saturday, January 27, 2024 from 6- 10 pm at Soiree in Crestwood Station. All are invited to attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on potential merger with Pewee Valley. Patrick Stoess reported that he, David Thompson, and Chief Blakely had a meeting with Todd Jones, Matt York, and Adam Hack from Pewee Valley. The discussion was good and the parties agreed on what additional information was needed from both sides. The parties are in the process of gathering and exchanging that information. Thereafter, Pewee Valley will have to decide if they would like to request a merger with South Oldham.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Major Nelson reported that we are updating the signors on our bank accounts at PNC Bank. Those accounts require two signatures. Major Nelson and Dennis Deibel are the approved signers on the primary bank account. Major Nelson and Chief Blakely are the approved signers on the Chief's account. Major Nelson and Dennis Deibel are the approved signers on the Money Market account. Major Nelson, Dennis Deibel, and David Thompson are the approved signers on the capital improvements account. Heather Blakely and TERESA Cheatham are the approved signers on the auxiliary account.
2. Major Nelson reported that it was becoming more difficult for our Members to find E.M. T. courses that are affordable and close in proximity. The Department would like to offer the Emergency Medical Technician's Course at our facility beginning in 2024. To do this, we need to utilize the services of a Medical Director. The Department has identified Dr. Thomas Pope as the person with the expertise necessary to fill this position. Dr. Pope will not be an employee of the Department, but will serve as an independent contractor. He will be paid \$500 for each E.M.T. course offered here and we expect to offer two (2) courses per year. Richard Beard made a motion to allow Chief Blakely to present Dr. Pope with a proposed agreement (approved by counsel) as an independent contractor to serve as the Medical Director for the Department under these terms. Tim Deibel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no other business to come before the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on February 26, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.


ROBERT DEIBEL III, SECRETARY

SOUTH OLDHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
MINUTES FEBRUARY 26, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the South Oldham Fire Department, Inc. Board was held on February 26, 2024 at the Firehouse.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, David Thompson, at 7:30 p.m. with the following Board members present: Robert Deibel, Patrick Stoess, Wakefield, Johnson, Nelson, Holder, Esposito, German, Rawert, Thompson, Davis, Marvin Stoess, and Marshall. Also present were Kelly King and Chief Blakely.

OFFICER REPORTS:

SECRETARY: The Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER: The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Matt Nelson. Major Nelson reported the following bank balances for January:

Capital Improvement account	\$ 1,103,656.98
Checking account	\$ 23,466.23
Money Market account	\$ 1,911,612.00
Auxiliary account	\$ 3,915.96
Chief's account	\$ 1,227.94
Cash on hand	\$ 3,043,879.11

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Eddie Turner. David Holder seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Blakely reported 73 responses for February and 149 responses for 2024. Training for the month of February consisted of drivers training, task force-SAR training/confined space, search and rescue practical evolutions training, and RTF evolutions training with police/EMS/county fire. Shift training consisted of large area search, art of reading smoke, vehicle stabilization, air bag systems, RTF evolutions with police/county fire, personal protective equipment/SCBA, and building construction/fire behavior.

Fire schools and training for February include NFA PICO class Feb. 3-4, 2024; NFA STICO class Feb. 10-11, 2024; NFA DMICO Brant Stiles Officers School Feb. 23-25, 2024; and EMRTC homemade explosives: recognition, response, awareness. Upcoming training includes flashover skills on March 9, 2024; responses to lithium battery fires on March 6, 2024; extrication enhancement class from March 8-10, 2024; and NFA operations in small departments.

School fire drills were performed at Camden Station Elementary.

Unit 5401 needs repair work for the replacement of oil sensor and ball joints. Unit 5438 needs repair work to the head gasket. Annual SCBA testing has been completed.

Kentucky Artisan Distillery has scheduled the roof cleaning for February 29, 2024, weather permitting.

Shift crews have been working with Scout Troops with presentations on fire safety/first aid for their Scout badges.

Chief Blakely attended three (3) meetings in Owensboro for the KFA/Fire Commission for Kentucky Fire Chiefs. Some of the equipment has arrived for the Lucas Device and it will take 2-3 weeks to complete. We received our TEI from KBEMS to begin the SOFD EMT courses. Firefighter Foust will oversee the Oldham County Recruit class beginning February 29, 2024. The Junior Firefighter Program has seven (7) Junior Members with two (2) additional members preparing to start the program.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Awards Dinner: Chief Blakely reported that there was a great turn-out for the awards dinner. The following awards were handed out:

- a. Recruit Firefighter of the Year—Annabeth White
- b. Volunteer Firefighter of the Year—Lillian Davis
- c. Career Firefighter of the Year—Mike Miller
- d. Chief Milton Stoess Award—Lillian Davis
- e. Length of Service Awards for 5, 10, 15, and 20 years—see attached

2. Potential merger with Pewee Valley: Patrick Stoess advised the Board that the merger committee had another meeting with Pewee Valley. The main topic of conversation was the structure of the South Oldham Fire Department, Inc. Board and how it related to the South Oldham Fire Protection District. South Oldham does not want to change the governing process of the Department and Pewee Valley does not want to conform to that process. The parties left the meeting with the possibility of having additional conversations; however, at this time, the discussions are suspended indefinitely.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Kelly King, CPA has proposed to take over all accounting and bookkeeping, including payroll for the Department. The new monthly charge for these services will be \$2,250 per month. Kelly King has not requested an increase for the cost of his services in many years. Richard Beard made a motion to allow Kelly King to continue to provide accounting services to the Department and to accept the new charge for these services. David Thompson is authorized to sign a new contract with Kelly King's office pending approval by counsel. The motion was seconded by David Holder. The motion carried.

There was no other business to come before the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on March 25, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

ROBERT DEIBEL III, SECRETARY

SOUTH OLDHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
MINUTES MARCH 25, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the South Oldham Fire Department, Inc. Board was held on March 25, 2024 at the Firehouse.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, David Thompson, at 7:30 p.m. with the following Board members present: Patrick Stoess, Dennis Deibel, Rawert, Hoskins, Gardner, Wakefield, Davis, Johnson, Nelson, Holder, Marvin Stoess, Marshall, Esposito, and Jones. Also present were Laura Stoess (counsel) and Chief Blakely.

OFFICER REPORTS:

SECRETARY: The Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER: The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Matt Nelson. Major Nelson reported the following bank balances for February:

Capital Improvement account	\$ 1,090,059.69
Checking account	\$ 86,268.94
Money Market account	\$ 1,705,422.48
Auxiliary account	\$ 4,765.96
Chief's account	\$ 561.17
Cash on hand	\$ 2,887,078.24

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Mark Hoskins. Marvin Stoess seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Blakely reported 76 responses for March and 232 responses to date for 2024. Training for the month of March consisted of drivers training, rope rescue, personal protective equipment, company operations, and emergency and disaster planning for Oldham County threats and targets. Shift training consisted of hose, nozzles, and appliances; CPR; fire behavior; rope rescue; and search and rescue with recruits.

Fire schools and conferences for March include NFA operations in small departments, extrication enhancements class March 9-10, and responses to lithium battery fires on March 6, 2024.

The station roof, gutters, and down spouts have been cleaned and pressure washed.

Shift crews have been working with Scout Troops with presentations on fire safety/first aid for their Scout badges.

Chief Blakely reported that we had a firefighter resign to accept a position with Okolona Fire. The position has been posted. The Safer Grant for staffing has been completed and submitted. The Lucas Device has been delivered and training is scheduled for April. Major Nelson demonstrated how the device works. The South Oldham EMT course began on March 4, 2024. The Oldham County Recruit class began February 29, 2024. There will be a public hearing on the Old LaGrange Road sewer expansion on March 28, 2024 at Maples Park.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

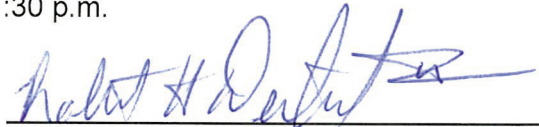
NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Thompson announced that Dale McMakin has resigned from the Board. We will search for his replacement and plan to nominate at the July annual meeting.
2. Unit 5478 is in need of new tires. The current tires are ten (10) years old. The vehicle has been stuck three (3) times since Chief Blakely has been here. Larger tires are necessary so that the truck will not be buried. Chief is getting quotes. This expense was not planned in the budget, but it will be necessary.
3. Our May meeting is scheduled for Memorial Day, so we will not meet. President Thompson requested that Chief Blakely have a preliminary draft of the budget ready by the April meeting, if possible.

There was no other business to come before the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on April 22, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.



ROBERT DEIBEL III, SECRETARY

SOUTH OLDHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
MINUTES APRIL 22, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the South Oldham Fire Department, Inc. Board was held on April 22, 2024 at the Firehouse.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, David Thompson, at 7:30 p.m. with the following Board members present: Patrick Stoess, Dennis Deibel, Rawert, Hoskins, Haupt, Thompson, German, Turner, Robert Deibel, Wakefield, Davis, Nelson, Marvin Stoess, Marshall, and Esposito. Also present were Laura Stoess (counsel) and Chief Blakely.

OFFICER REPORTS:

SECRETARY: The Minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER: The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Matt Nelson. Major Nelson reported the following bank balances for March:

Capital Improvement account	\$ 1,088,868.65
Checking account	\$ 105,766.50
Money Market account	\$ 1,561,544.33
Auxiliary account	\$ 2,080.91
Chief's account	\$ 561.17
Cash on hand	\$ 2,758,821.56

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Dennis Deibel. Wakefield seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Blakely reported 97 responses for March, 65 responses for April, and 320 responses to date for 2024. Training for the month of April consisted of drivers training, OCTF SAR Mapping/Victim SAR, Personal Protective Equipment, Fire Behavior, and Lucas Device Training. Shift training consisted of Lucas Device Training, Pump Operations, Drivers Training and Personal Protective Equipment.

Fire schools and conferences for April included an All Safe Training – QRAE Technician Course.

Staff Certifications: Captain Johnson received his QRAE Technician Two-Year Certification and Firefighter A. White received the Firefighters 1 Certification.

Upcoming Fire Schools/Trainings: Oldham County Task Force/Trimble County EMA, Senior Officials Workshop for all Hazards Preparedness on May 15th with Trimble County EMA, Flooding Hazards on May 16th at Ballardsville Station #2 with Trimble County EMA.

Apparatus / Equipment Repairs Updates: Unit 5478 underwent tire replacement. Brake work, including rear rotors and seals, was conducted on Unit 5438.

Department Incidents: On March 30, 2024, there was a structure fire at 5011 Fairview Drive, to which the Department responded with Ballardsville. A tornado created storm damage on April 2, 2024.

Operations: Sgt. Laura Johnson is retiring on April 30, 2024 and her retirement party will take place on May 9, 2024. The Sergeant's position has been posted and testing and interviews will take place in April. The Firefighter position has been posted, but only two (2) applications were received, so the posting has been extended to May 6, 2024. Lucas Device training was conducted on April 15, 16 and 17, 2024. The participants in the SOFD Emergency Medical Technicians Course have completed half of course. There are six (6) members of our Department and two (2) from outside our Department who are participating. Chief Blakely attended the Public Hearing on sewers for Old LaGrange Road. There are questions about the feasibility of the project, so it is unknown at this time if this will move forward. Chief has drafted an SOP regarding the use of the Lucas Device, which will be reviewed by Oldham County EMS meeting on Wednesday. He would like to put the Device in service by the first of May.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Chief Blakely presented the draft of the SOP for the Lucas Device to the Board. Eddie Turner made a motion to approve the SOP and the motion was seconded by Mark Hoskins. The motion carried.
2. The tires on Unit 5478 were replaced. Chief Blakely asked the Board about what to do with the old rims and tires. Mark Hoskins made a motion to declare a surplus and Rusty Davis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
3. President Thompson announced that Dale McMakin has retired from the Board. He expects to fill this vacancy at the annual meeting in July. If anyone knows of a good candidate, please advise President Thompson.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Thompson reminded the Board that the Firefighter Election for the District Board would take place on June 22, 2024 from 11 to 2 at the Firehouse. Pursuant to the amended By-Laws adopted last year, any interested candidates should notify Chairman Deibel by May 8, 2024 to allow for necessary publication.
2. Chief Blakely presented the first draft of the 2024-2025 budget. The budget has increased by \$237,000.00 and Chief Blakely explained some of the increases. There is a \$90,000 increase for vehicle maintenance, which is attributable to the multiple problems with Unit 5438; an increase in accounting costs; a salary increase, plus more funds for unscheduled overtime; an increase for Personal Protective Equipment due to the cost of turn out gear, which is \$5,500-\$6,000 per firefighter, and a 4.71% increase in health insurance costs. Chief Blakely advised that questions and comments are welcome. William Marshall advised that, now that the Department is in the City of Crestwood, the City will pay the cost of stormwater fees, so that cost can be removed from the budget. Chief advised that the Board will vote on the proposed budget in June, so that it can take effect on July 1.
3. Captain German advised that he has been making inquiries about the perception of the Inc. Board in the community and throughout the Department. He explained that there are questions about whether the Department is governed by Chapter 75 and perceptions that having an Inc. Board is outdated. President Thompson advised that the Department is governed by Chapter 75 and that is followed. Dennis Deibel spoke to the history of the Inc. Board and how it originated. Patrick Stoess indicated that having a twenty-four (24)

member Inc. Board in addition to the seven (7) member District Board, allows for more voices to be heard. In addition, there are more members with various areas of expertise who can be called upon to provide information. Captain German advised that there is a perception that there is no transparency, no accountability, and that decisions are made before meetings. He explained that there are questions about having the same people on both boards. President Thompson indicated that the Board has taken steps to improve relations with the firefighters by adding two (2) firefighter positions to the Inc. Board and by posting all Minutes to the website to be transparent. Captain German acknowledged that improvements had been made. Tim Wakefield indicated that if there were misconceptions about the Board, the firefighters should be encouraged to attend Board meetings. President Thompson requested that Captain German advise of any other specific improvements he believed needed to be made.

4. Matt Nelson advised the Board that Cathy Oehman, daughter of Henry Cassady, had donated her father's fire fighter equipment to the Department. Captain Miller hung the equipment in the meeting room so that it could viewed by the community. The Department thanks the family for their donation.
5. President Thompson reminded the Board that we will not meet in May due to Memorial Day.

There was no other business to come before the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on June 24, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.



ROBERT DEIBEL III, SECRETARY



ATTESTED

SOUTH OLDHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
MINUTES JUNE 24, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the South Oldham Fire Department, Inc. Board was held on June 24, 2024 at the Firehouse.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, David Thompson, at 7:30 p.m. with the following Board members present: Robert Deibel, Beard, Rawert, Haupt, Turner, German, Patrick Stoess, Dennis Deibel, Hoskins, Davis, Johnson, Nelson, Holder, Marvin Stoess, Marshall, Jones, and Chief Blakely.

OFFICER REPORTS:

SECRETARY: The Minutes of the April meeting were read and approved. No meeting was held in May due to the Memorial Day holiday.

TREASURER: The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Matt Nelson. Major Nelson reported the following bank balances for May:

Capital Improvement account	\$ 1,093,068.24
Checking account	\$ 52,981.10
Money Market account	\$ 1,402,770.07
Auxiliary account	\$ 1,991.51
Chief's account	\$ 561.17
Cash on hand	\$ 2,551,372.09

Motion to accept the May Treasurer's Report was made by Dennis Deibel. William Marshall seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Major Nelson reported the following bank balances for June:

Capital Improvement account	\$ 1,097,151.12
Checking account	\$ 55,015.13
Money Market account	\$ 1,208,040.49
Auxiliary account	\$ 2,991.51
Chief's account	\$ 1,007.17
Cash on hand	\$ 2,364,205.42

Motion to accept the June Treasurer's Report was made by Dennis Deibel. Eddie Turner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Major Nelson reported that Kelly King's office will be handling payroll at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Blakely reported 86 responses for May, 96 responses for June, and 530 responses to date for 2024.

Training for the month of May/June consists of drivers training, OCTF Water Rescue at the YMCA, OCTF Hazardous Materials, RTF Training Evolution with Police/Fire/EMS at SOMS, Ladder Training, and Hose, Nozzles, Appliances/Hose testing.

Shift Training in May/June consisted of Personal Protective equipment, Forcible Entry, Ground Ladders, and a Haz-Mat Refresher.

Fire schools and conferences for May include an EV Extraction Class June 12th-15th attended by Captain German and an IFSAC Aerial Class May 13th-17th attended by Firefighter Folz.

Staff Certifications include the National Traffic Incident management (TIM) Training on June 6th for Firefighter Netherton.

Upcoming Fire Schools/Training/Conferences include courses hosted by OCTF from August to December and the KFA Conference in August in Owensboro.

Schools Fire Drills were conducted at Camden Station Elementary and Kenwood Station Elementary Schools.

Apparatus/Equipment Repairs and Updates: Unit 5458 underwent annual Ladder Testing, annual testing was conducted on ground ladders for all apparatus, and the extrication equipment has undergone annual Inspection/Testing.

Facilities – repairs were made on the A/C unit, new fans were installed in the bay area, and a new phone system was installed.

Public Relations/Community Details: Crusade for Children Collections \$1,000,000

Department Incidents include (2) Semi-trailer fires and a garage fire in Ballardsville caused by lithium batteries. EMS responses account for 50% of our run volume.

Operations: Chris Brown has been promoted to Sergeant 1st Platoon, new hired Firefighter Bryan Patterson has been assigned to 2nd Platoon, and there is currently a posting for a Firefighter Position. The SOFD Emergency Medical Technicians Course was completed and the group graduated on June 17th. They are now scheduling their National Registry Testing.

Construction / Developments: Chief is scheduled to meet with Gant Jone of the Jones Group on the Clore Station Development Project on June 28th to discuss alley conditions and turning radius for fire apparatus.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The District Firefighter Representative Election was held this past Saturday. Congratulations to Jim Johnson for his re-election.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. At the last meeting, Chief Blakely presented a proposed draft of the 2024-2025 budget. Comments and suggestions were made and Chief Blakely presented a final version of the proposed budget. Discussion was held. Motion was made by Mark Hoskins to approve the proposed budget. Gary Haupt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Chief Blakely reported that the Department is having trouble recruiting members who are already EMTs. The current job posting is based on our current S.O.P., which reads that the candidate "shall be an EMT." A motion was made by Mark Hoskins to change posting to say that "EMT certification is preferred" until such time as the S.O.P. can be re-written to provide an approved process for a firefighter to obtain his EMT certification within one (1) year of his/her hire date. The motion was seconded by Richard Beard. Discussion was held. The motion carried.
3. Chief Blakely expressed that he would like to start billing trucking companies for incidents that occur on I-71. He will check with surrounding departments regarding their policies.
4. There are two (2) open vacancies on the Inc. Board due to the resignations of Dale McMakin and Clayton Raymer. We will seek to fill those positions next month at the annual meeting.
5. Congratulations to Sergeant Laura Johnson on her retirement at the end of April.
6. Reminder that our annual meeting will be next month.

There was no other business to come before the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on July 22, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.


ROBERT DEIBEL III, SECRETARY


ATTEST

SOUTH OLDHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
MINUTES JULY 22, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the South Oldham Fire Department, Inc. Board was held on July 22, 2024 at the Firehouse after annual meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, David Thompson, at 7:42 p.m. with the following Board members present: Robert Deibel, Beard, Rawert, Haupt, Turner, German, Patrick Stoess, Dennis Deibel, Nelson, Marvin Stoess, Miller, Marshall, Thompson, and T. Deibel. Chief Blakely Laura Stoess, and Kelly King were also present.

OFFICER REPORTS:

SECRETARY: The Minutes of the June meeting were read and approved. Gardner moved to approve the Minutes as read and German seconded. The motion carried.

TREASURER: The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Matt Nelson. Major Nelson reported the following bank balances for July:

Capital Improvement account	\$ 1,100,852.66
Checking account	\$ 26,269.97
Money Market account	\$ 1,072,206.51
Auxiliary account	\$ 2,991.51
Chief's account	\$ 947.17
Cash on hand	\$ 2,203,267.82

Motion to accept the July Treasurer's Report was made by Dennis Deibel. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Blakely reported 120 responses for June, 65 responses for July, and 618 responses to date for 2024.

Training for the month includes drivers training/practical evolutions, live fire training/training facility, OCTF, training evolution, salvage and overhaul, and water supply.

Shift Training for the month includes personal protective equipment, flammable gas firefighting at the LG&E training facility, and ground ladders.

The following staff members received their EMT National Registry Certification: A. Cheatham, A. Parker, J. Turner, and L. Davis.

Upcoming Fire Schools/Training/Conferences include courses hosted by OCTF from Aug. through December and the KFA Conference will be held in Owensboro in August.

The DEF system on Unit 5438 has been repaired and the DEF pump has been replaced. The air leak brake system quick release valve on Unit 5469 has been repaired. Unit 5469 has undergone repairs to the pump piping.

Department Incidents include a structure fire at 6629 Ashbrooke Drive with PVFD, a mower fire with fatality at 1011 E. Mt. Zion with BFD, a structure fire at 3804 Carriage Hill Drive (SOFD) and an EMS response at 6501 Shelton Circle for cardiac arrest where the Lucas Devise was deployed (SOFD).

The open firefighter position has been posted. The written test was given on July 18th and interviews were completed on July 22nd. Chief is exploring the possibility of sending invoices to companies responsible for accidents on the roadway. He will contact Fire Recovery USA to investigate the potential to be reimbursed for future incidents.

Regarding construction and development, Chief attended a meeting with the Jones Group on June 28 regarding the Clore Station project. Minor plats have been received to create seven (7) tracts at 7708 Floydsburg Road and two (2) tracts at 4727 Highway 146 for storage buildings. There will be a TRC meeting regarding the Crestwood strip mall located between Wal-Mart and Taco Bell.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Thompson advised the Board that when the 202-2025 budget was passed, it called for a cost of living increase. However, a specific motion needs to be made to allow for that increase. Richard Beard moved to specifically approve a 3.4% cost of living increase and Gary Haupt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Thompson advised that we need to elect new officers. He asked the Board to put forth any nominations. None were made. He asked if each of the current officers was willing to serve another term, to which they all agreed. Dennis Deible made a motion to re-elect David Thompson as President, Patrick Stoess as Vice President, Robert Deibel III as Secretary and Matt Nelson as Treasurer. Mark Hoskins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no other business to come before the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on August 26, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.



ROBERT DEIBEL III, SECRETARY

SOUTH OLDHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
MINUTES August 26, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the South Oldham Fire Department, Inc. Board was held on August 26, 2024 at the Firehouse.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, David Thompson, at 7:30 p.m. with the following Board members present: Robert Deibel, Beard, Turner, German, Patrick Stoess, Dennis Deibel, Nelson, Miller, Marshall, Thompson, Jones, Wakefield, Davis, Johnson, Holder, M. Stoess, and Esposito. Chief Blakely and Laura Stoess were also present.

President Thompson welcomed new Board Members Wes Chapman and Adam Hughes, who will serve a one (1) year term to replace Members who resigned from the Board.

President Thompson turned the meeting over to Firefighter Cheatham for a special presentation. Cheatham thanked Chief Blakely for organizing and developing the EMT certification class and presented him with a plaque as a thank you for his efforts. Major Nelson then swore in Alex Parker who took the oath as the newest firefighter with the Department.

OFFICER REPORTS:

SECRETARY: The Minutes of the July meeting were read and approved. Eddie Turner made a motion to approve the Minutes as read and Travis German seconded. The motion carried.

TREASURER: The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Matt Nelson. Major Nelson reported the following bank balances for July:

Capital Improvement account	\$ 1,105,229.90
Checking account	\$ 62,789.34
Money Market account	\$ 836,437.92
Auxiliary account	\$ 2,991.51
Chief's account	\$ 947.17
Cash on hand	\$ 2,008,395.84

Motion to accept the July Treasurer's Report was made by Dennis Deibel. Captain Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Blakely reported 94 responses for July, 67 responses for August, and 714 responses to date for 2024.

Training for the month includes: drivers training, vehicle extraction, OCTF SAR training, ground ladders, practical RIT evolution, and hose loads.

Shift Training for the month includes: company operations handline deployment, fire protection systems, pre-incident planning with AT&T, pump operations, fire behavior, vehicle extrication, water supply, ventilation, ground ladders, and ropes/knots.

Recruit/Junior firefighter training in August consists of live fire training at the Oldham County Training Facility, ladders, ropes/knots, fire control vehicle fires, and fire protection systems (alarms & sprinklers).

Chief Blakely reported that he had attended the KFA Conference and that there is an effort being made to increase the \$.10 per \$100 cap on the tax rate. He expressed that the best chance for this to pass will be over next two (2) years. He also indicated that SOFD was requested to teach the Auto Extrication Class at the Jefferson County Fire School in October.

Staff certifications: A. White received the EMT National Registry Certification.

Upcoming Fire Schools/Training/Conferences include upcoming courses hosted by OCTF/EMA September, October, November, and December, machinery entrapments class-Campbell County (2), surface transportation emergency preparedness-freight trains/roadways @ LaGrange Station #1.

Fire drills were conducted at SOMS and Crestwood Elementary.

Apparatus/Equipment Repairs and Facilities Updates: Additional tools have been placed in service on Units 5434 and 5438. In addition, the bay door motor has been replaced at the firehouse.

Department Incidents include a structure fire 4801 N. Camden Lane, a full arrest and use of the Lucas Device at #20 quality place full arrest-Lucas device, a full arrest and use of the Lucas Device at Central Avenue, a structure fire at 9557 W. Hwy. 42 (NOFD), and a full arrest and use of the Lucas Device on Centerwood Drive.

Operations: Firefighter new hire, Alex Parker has been assigned to the 1st Platoon. In addition, there are three (3) seniors from South Oldham High School who serve as Junior Firefighters and co-op Monday – Friday.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Dennis Deibel advised that the District needs to set the 2024 tax rate at tonight's meeting. He will recommend that the District keep the rate at \$.10 per \$100 in order to continue to provide for the growth of the community. No one spoke in opposition to the recommendation.

There was no other business to come before the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on September 23, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.



ROBERT DEIBEL III, SECRETARY

SOUTH OLDHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
MINUTES September 23, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the South Oldham Fire Department, Inc. Board was held on September 23, 2024 at the Firehouse.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, David Thompson, at 7:30 p.m. with the following Board members present: Robert Deibel, Turner, Haupt, German, Patrick Stoess, Dennis Deibel, Nelson, Marshall, Thompson, Jones, Wakefield, Davis, Johnson, Esposito, Hoskins, Rawert, Hughes, and Gardner. Chief Blakely and Laura Stoess were also present.

OFFICER REPORTS:

SECRETARY: The Minutes of the August meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER: The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Matt Nelson. Major Nelson reported the following bank balances for August:

Capital Improvement account	\$ 1,109,225.03
Checking account	\$ 105,228.38
Money Market account	\$ 689,659.04
Auxiliary account	\$ 2,991.51
Chief's account	\$ 1,098.48
Bill.com Money Out Clearing	\$ 6,705.52
Cash on hand	\$ 1,914,907.96

Motion to accept the August Treasurer's Report was made by Eddie Turner and seconded by Mark Hoskins. The motion carried.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Blakely reported 79 responses for August, 57 responses for September, and 783 responses to date for 2024.

Training for the month included: drivers training, hazardous materials, and RTF Active Shooter training w/law enforcement/EMS.

Shift Training for the month included: company operations handline deployment, EMT recertification hours, forcible entry, HIV/AIDS training, portable fire extinguishers, and water supply.

Recruit/Junior Firefighter training included aircraft rescue, victim search and rescue, ropes/knots, auto extrication, building construction, cause and origin, flashover, Firefighter rescue, and Firefighter survival.

Fire Schools/Training/Conferences included: Man v. Machine machinery entrapments class in Campbell County attended by Capt. German and Sgt. Norris; IFSAC Fire Officer III training attended by Capt. Johnson; and IFSAC Firefighter I, II and Haz Mat skills testing attended by Firefighter Parker.

Upcoming Fire schools/Training/Conferences: Various courses hosted by OCTF/EMA from Oct to Dec. and Rail Car response class on October 2nd at Ballardsville Station #2.

School Fire Drills were conducted at SOMS and Crestwood Elementary.

Apparatus/Equipment Repairs and Facilities Updates: repairs were made to the generator on Unit 5438 and annual servicing took place on the Genesis rescue tools.

Facilities Updates: Chief is obtaining quotes for electrical upgrades on the bay doors and on sealing the front apron, driveway, and parking lot, including marking spaces.

Department Incidents include a fatal auto accident at 3001 Cedar Point and a structure fire at 4604 Grand Dell Drive with Ballardsville Fire Department.

Operations: Chief is researching the feasibility of changing from 24/48 hr. shifts to 48/96 hr. shifts as several other departments have done. If the decision is made to move forward on a new schedule, it will be done on a trial basis. Chief is also creating a job description and requirements for a Fire Inspector Position.

Construction/Developments: Chief attended a TRC Meeting for Clore Development Phase 1A property between Hwy 329 and Dovefield Trace.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Dennis Deibel advised the Board that the District set the tax rate for 2024 at \$.10 per \$100.00 for real estate, motor vehicles, and watercraft. This is the same tax rate as last year. A public meeting will be held immediately following this meeting for the public to comment on the 2024 tax rate.
2. Chief Blakely circulated his Vision Plan for future development within the Department and the District including future station projects, equipment, and staffing. He advised that we need strategic planning to prepare for future development including his recommendation to hire a second engine company in the future. When that happens, upgrades to the station will be necessary, including but not limited to upgrades to the kitchen and appliances, new flooring, and upgrades to the bathrooms upstairs, but it will not be necessary to build a new station. Unit 5435 will need to be replaced and a new command vehicle will be needed. Units 5433 and 5494 will be surplus. Currently, it takes at least three (3) years to receive a new unit once it has been ordered. He advised that half of the Department's responses are medical-related; therefore, there is a possibility that EMS may be fire-based in the future.

There was no other business to come before the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. The next meeting will be held on October 28, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.



ROBERT DEIBEL III, SECRETARY

SOUTH OLDHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
MINUTES OCTOBER 28, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the South Oldham Fire Department, Inc. Board was held on October 28, 2024 at the Firehouse.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, David Thompson, at 7:30 p.m. with the following Board members present: Robert Deibel, Haupt, German, Patrick Stoess, Dennis Deibel, Nelson, Thompson, Hughes, Jones, Wakefield, Johnson, Chapman, Hoskins, Beard, M. Stoess, Rawert, and Gardner. Chief Blakely, Laura Stoess, Nathan Deibel, and Firefighters Norris, Netherton, and Faust were also present.

OFFICER REPORTS:

SECRETARY: The Minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER: The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Matt Nelson. Major Nelson reported the following bank balances for October:

Capital Improvement account	\$ 1,113,207.58
Checking account	\$ 51,579.11
Money Market account	\$ 602,346.04
Auxiliary account	\$ 2,991.51
Operating account	\$ 1,039.48
Cash on hand	\$ 1,771,163.72

Major Nelson reported that PNC Bank will not continue to pay the 4.75% rate we had. It will now pay the current market rate of 4%. PNC Bank will not continue our 4.75%. Major Nelson checked with Liberty Financial, but could not get a better rate. He will continue to explore other possibilities.

Dennis Deibel made a motion to accept the September Treasurer's Report and the motion was seconded by Richard Beard. The motion carried.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Blakely reported 83 responses for September, 84 responses for October, and 893 responses to date for 2024.

Chief Blakely reported on Firefighter Training, Shift Training, and Recruit/Junior Firefighter training. He also announced attendance at various fire schools and conferences in addition to new staff certifications. He also advised of upcoming fire schools, training, and conferences.

School Fire Drills were conducted at SOMS and Crestwood Elementary.

Chief Blakely reported that roof repairs have been performed at both stations due to water leaks. In addition, metal sheets on an exterior wall at Station #2 have been replaced due to rust. Also, he is scheduling work on the parking lot at Station #1 to include resealing the pad and restriping of parking spaces and lines inside the bay floor. Finally, he will schedule removal of trees at the back corner of the station.

Department incidents include structure fires at 3417 Cedar Point Road and at 3700 Ballard Woods Court with Ballardsville Fire.

Chief reported that Unit 5438 was involved in an accident on Hwy 146 involving a semi. One (1) mirror on the Unit was shattered and one (1) Firefighter reported minor injuries.

Chief has obtained quotes for annual insurance, which will be discussed in New Business. He reported that our workers' compensation premium will be \$5600 lower than it was last year.

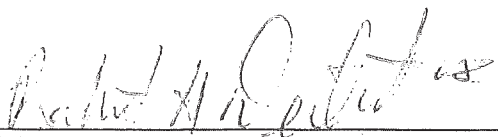
OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chief Blakely advised that he has obtained a quote for our annual insurance premium from McNeil Group ESIP in the amount of \$49,726.83. This is up significantly from last year's premium of \$39,788. He checked with McGriff VFIS who quoted us \$58,000 last year, but has quoted \$51,351.22 for this year. He is considering changing companies from ESIP to VFIS. As both quotes are within his budget, he will consult with appropriate Board Members and use his discretion to determine which coverage is most cost effective.
2. Chief Blakely advised that Unit 5433 is no longer needed and should be sold as surplus. This unit will not need to be replaced. He explained that agencies are currently spending more for used equipment, so we need to sell now while the demand is high in order to get the best price. He plans to advertise and ask \$85,000 for the vehicle. A 7% fee will be paid to the broker. Patrick Stoess made a motion to declare Unit 5433 as surplus to be sold and to allow Chief the discretion to surplus any related accessories and/or equipment located on or associated with Unit 5433 that are no longer needed. Dennis Deibel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
3. Chief Blakely requested permission to purchase two (2) pick-up trucks with wenchers. He has shopped around and is able to get the best deal from Ford. Each vehicle will cost approximately \$85,000 for the entire set up. Mark Hoskins made a motion to allow the Department to purchase two Ford F-250 pick-up trucks equipped with wenchers in the amount of \$85,000 per vehicle. Marvin Stoess seconded the motion. Discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously. Gary Haupt and Wes Chapman abstained from the vote.

There was no other business to come before the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m. The next meeting will be held on November 25, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.



ROBERT DEIBEL III, SECRETARY

SOUTH OLDHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
MINUTES NOVEMBER 25, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the South Oldham Fire Department, Inc. Board was held on November 25, 2024 at the Firehouse.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, David Thompson, at 7:30 p.m. with the following Board members present: Robert Deibel, Haupt, Patrick Stoess, Dennis Deibel, Nelson, Thompson, Hughes, Wakefield, Hoskins, M. Stoess, Rawert, Gardner, Miller, Holder, Turner, and Davis. Chief Blakely and Laura Stoess were also present.

OFFICER REPORTS:

SECRETARY: The Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER: The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Matt Nelson. Major Nelson reported the following bank balances for November:

Capital Improvement account	\$ 1,116,911.21
Checking account	\$ 38,375.89
Money Market account	\$ 2,582,001.09
Auxiliary account	\$ 3,491.51
Chief's Operating account	\$ 984.74
Bill.com	\$ 637.06
Total assets	\$ 3,742,401.50

Major Nelson reported that the first check from the Sheriff in the amount of \$2,177,575.92 has been received. Members asked questions about the transactions from Bill.com. Gardner made a motion to approve the November financial report and the motion was seconded by Haupt. The motion passed unanimously.

Major Nelson suggested that \$250,000 be transferred from the Money Market account into the capital improvement account. Dennis Deibel made the motion and it was seconded by Rawert. The motion passed unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Blakely reported 99 total responses for October, 64 responses for November thus far, and 972 responses to date for 2024.

Chief Blakely outlined various trainings for October and November. The following Fire Schools/Training/Conferences are scheduled for December: various courses hosted by OCTF/EMA, OCTF Hazardous Materials Technician, and Decision Making Initial Company Operations will be attended by Just, Foust, Folz, Turner, and Stanger.

The following staff members received certifications: A. Stark received Apparatus Certification on Units 5434/5438, A. Parker received IFSAC Firefighter 1 & 2 Written and Practical Certifications, Johnson received IFSAC Fire Officer 3 Certification, and A. Foust received NIMS 400. The following staff members attended the following trainings and conferences: Netherton and Blakely attended OCTF Medical Preparedness for Bombing Incidents; Nelson and Netherton attended OCTF Radiation Instruments Ops/Radiation Instruments Employment; Netherton, Miller, Folz,

and Parker attended OCTF Operations Level Response to Radiological/Nuclear WMD; and Netherton attended OCTF Population Monitoring Community Reception Centers.

Chief Blakely explained that the turbo/manifold was replaced on Unit 5458 and that repairs had been made to the Station's MAKO Air System. Roof repairs have been completed at both stations due to water leaks, as well as the replacement of seven (7) sheets of metal on an exterior wall at Station #2. The trees at the back corner of the station have also been removed. Chief will obtain a quote to replace the flooring and paint the community room downstairs. This may be able to be completed by January. He is researching the possibility of outfitting the station with a key pad security system. Asphalt reseal is scheduled for the Spring.

Chief reported an incident on I-71 involving two (2) semis and five (5) cars with a rescue/extrication of the driver of the semi.

Chief explained that he has ordered two (2) Ford F-250 trucks with delivery expected in four (4) to six (6) months. Unit 5433, which was previously declared as surplus, was sold to the Covington Fire Department for \$80,000. The Annual Awards Banquet will be held on January 25 2025 at Soiree. Chief reported that he continued the Department's insurance coverage with Assured Partner ESIP through the McNeil Group because they were \$1500 cheaper and the coverage was slightly better.

He advised that he plans to hire a Fire Inspector in January and that he prefers to hire internally, if possible. The job description has been forwarded to counsel for review. The position will be forty (40) hours per week, day shift, Monday through Friday. The Fire Inspector will be a certified fire fighter, hold an EMT certificate and be certified on all apparatus. This position is necessary given the pre-planning currently taking place for new businesses being created in the area.

OLD BUSINESS: There was a \$5600 broker fee to Fire Specialty associated with the transfer of Unit 5433 to Covington. Need to check with Kelly King regarding proper reporting of this fee.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

There was no other business to come before the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. The next meeting will be held on January 27, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.



ROBERT DEIBEL III, SECRETARY

SOUTH OLDHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
ANNUAL MEETING
MINUTES JULY 22, 2024

The annual meeting of the South Oldham Fire Department, Inc. Board was held on Monday, July 22, 2024 at the Firehouse.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, David Thompson, at 7:30 p.m. with the following Board Members present: M. Nelson, D. Beard, D. Thompson, Dennis Deibel, Marvin Stoess, Patrick Stoess, M. Hoskins, N. Rawert, T. German, E. Turner, M. Gardner, G. Haupt, Tim Deibel, Miller, W. Marshall, and R. Deibel. Also present were Chief Blakely, Kelly King, and Laura Stoess.

OFFICER REPORTS:

SECRETARY: The Minutes of the 2023 meeting were read. Mark Hoskins moved to approve the Minutes as read and EddieTurner seconded. The motion carried.

TREASURER: The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Matt Nelson. Major Nelson reported the following bank balances:

Capital Improvement account	\$ 1,100,852.66
Checking account	\$ 87,543.74
Money Market account	\$ 1,162,206.51
Auxiliary account	\$ 2,991.51
Chief's account	\$ 1,007.17
Total cash on hand	\$ 2,354,601.59

Richard Beard made a motion to approve the financial report and Tim Deibel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

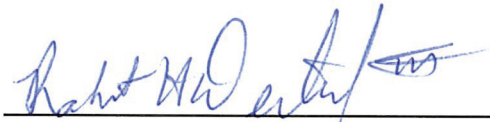
1. Election of members was held. President Thompson advised that the following members were up for re-election: Patrick Stoess, Marvin Stoess, Tim Deibel, Turner, Marshall, Jones, and Hoskins. All indicated they are willing to serve another three (3) year term. Gardner moved for re-election of said members and Rawert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. President Thompson announced the resignations of Raymer and McMakin whose terms expire in 2025. The floor was opened for nominations to fill those vacancies. Patrick Stoess nominated Adam Hughes and Wes Chapman. Stoess explained that Hughes lives in Buckner, has a Bachelor's and an MBA in Accounting, and is the CFO of Carpet Specialists, Inc. Stoess explained that Wes Chapman had expressed interest in serving. He is a volunteer firefighter, works at Ford, and has previously served on a District Board as Treasurer. No other nominations were made. Dennis moved to approve Hughes and Chapman. Gardner seconded the motion. Discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Kelly King explained that last year's expenses and the budget very close. He indicated that Chief did a great job with the budget.

There was no other business to come before the Board.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

The next meeting will be held on July 28, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.



ROBERT DEIBEL, SECRETARY



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