

DONATES SITE FOR FIRE HOUSE

The Houlton Investment Company
Gives Suitable Site for New
Fire House.

Owing to the fact that there was considerable opposition to locating the new fire house on the north side of the track, the village council at a special meeting last Thursday evening reconsidered the matter and accepted a proposition by the Houlton Investment Company to donate a lot on Quincy street to be used as a site for the fire house.

The lot is one sixty feet square just north of the old Service Garage and is very well located within a block of the principal business buildings of the village. The council warmly thanked the Houltons for the gift of this valuable property and their action in the matter is most commendable.

The Virgin property on Princeton street has also been purchased by the village as announced in this paper last week and the well and water tower and tank will be located there, which will be entirely satisfactory to Elk River people.

In this manner a very troublesome matter is disposed of. The fact that the railroad crossings are so often blocked by freight trains made the location of the fire house on the north side of the track unsatisfactory as the most valuable buildings are on the south side, and it was believed the fire apparatus should be where it could be most handy to the large property interests.

Work upon the 12-inch well is expected to be started very soon and the work of digging for the water mains will also be begun in the near future, it is hoped.