

County Housing Board Matters

Disposition of Houses Left to Committee—Bonds for Lancaster Fire Station.

County Housing Board matters took up a considerable time at the meeting of the municipal council held yesterday afternoon and it was finally decided to leave the matter of the disposition of the houses already erected to the committee appointed at the last meeting of the council and the housing board. The issue of bonds for Lancaster fire hydrants and fire station and for the diet kitchen at the hospital were ordered and a petition from the residents of East St. John in connection with the storage of explosives at that place was referred to the warden and county secretary.

Warden Bullock presided and there were present Councilors Schofield, Jones, Thornton, Prink, Beasley, Bownand, Shanklin, Donovan, Mosley, Daulton, O'Donnell and Anderson.

Finance Committee.

The finance committee reported having made an inspection of the large mango at the hospital and found it in good working order, ordered a change in the nurses' home to provide a menu for the dietitian at a cost of \$25, authorized the secretary and treasurer to pay the several institutions up to 88 per cent of the levy, having sold \$100,000 bonds for the Nurses' Home at par, having considered the plans for increased accommodation at the hospital but not having arrived at a conclusion on the matter, having been informed by the hospital commissioners of a deficit of \$32,017.71 and an apparent over-expenditure each month of \$5,443.12; of having placed the matter of negotiating with the Dominion Government and the St. John Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Co. to re-arrange and expropriation proceedings at the Municipal Home to the warden, mayor and county secretary and recommended that the county secretary represent the municipality at the Good Roads Convention at Halifax. The report was adopted.

The matter of payment for the sewer survey in Simonds was laid over until the next meeting of the council. The county secretary presented a request from the deputy comptroller-general of the province that the municipality sign bonds for the indebtedness of the County Housing Board. He explained that bonds had already been signed and the matter was left in the hands of the warden, mayor and county secretary.

Housing Board Report.

The report of the Housing Board was presented as follows:
Contracts ... and ... alive.
Amount: ...
Received ... \$175,000.00
Expended
Loans ... \$26,312.95
Contracts ... 128,696.45
Insurance ... 2,006.98
Gen. expn. ... 1,303.39 168,118.53
Bal. on hand ... \$ 6,581.17

Against the amount on hand there were liabilities of \$4,632.70. There had been sold one house on Champlain street, two on Champlain street had been rented \$4 per month and three on McKel street at \$30 per month.

Commissioner Thornton thought the council was entitled to a full report showing in detail just how the money was spent and each councillor should have a copy before the report could be intelligently discussed and he moved that the Housing Board be asked to furnish such a report. This was seconded by Councilor Mosher and carried.

Issue of Bonds.

The issue of bonds to the amount of \$2,000 at 6 per cent interest, payable in ten annual installments, for a fire station for Lancaster, amounting to be assessed on fire district No. 1 was authorized.

On motion it was decided to finance the installation of fire hydrants in the parish of Lancaster to an amount not exceeding \$8,650, bonds to be issued when the work completed.

On motion of Councilor Schofield, the issue of \$9,500 of 50 year 6 per cent bonds to pay for the installation of a diet kitchen at the hospital was authorized.

The warden read a communication from Alexander Wilson, chairman of the Housing Board in which he suggested that the houses built by the Board be sold at public auction, at a price to be fixed before the sale and the price brought by the first bidder provided it was as high or higher than the upset price, be placed on the market. Councilor Schofield expressed the opinion that these houses should be disposed of just as soon as possible and would be sure to purchase objection to the proposition to put them up at auction.

Cost of Houses.

Councilor Daulton wanted to know the cost of these houses and was told by the warden that including land it was \$4,812.73.

Councilor Prink thought the council had had plenty of data enough to discuss the matter but thought tenders might be invited rather than put them up at auction.

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