for the mill levy ballot measure they intend to place on the November ballot. Burns said steering committee meetings would start in January. The committee would also help determine the proposed mill levy increase that would have the most chance of success with voters.

On December 6, the 2017 ballot measure will ask district property owners to approve a mill levy increase to help pay for budget shortfalls due to the annexation of $195,000. See www.occ.mn/v1sl5.html/dwfpd and www.occ.mn/v1sl2.html/dwfpd.

However, on Dec. 6, the neighbors immediately ad
tected to the property the board to delay putting the property on the market, because they had just become aware of the fact it might be sold. They said they knew of two people who said a 1984 warranty deed document stipulated that if the building ceased to be used as a fire station, it would revert the property back to the grantor, which was their property.

“We need to do this for our due diligence,” George German said. He and his wife were also concerned that the current Lake Minnetonka towndirectors (a board meeting quorum) happen to attend.

Feltz asked about the long-term viability of the district. Director Harland Baker and the district CEO, last three to four years using the same operating budget as it has for 2017 and spending down its reserves. After that, “we would have to reduce staff.” But he was optimistic that the mill levy might be changed from 7 to 9 or 10, that property values would also go up, and these increases would change the equation. The steering committee will look at those numbers in detail, he said.

Feltz asked if the board was exploring any other op-
portunities. “Like merging?” Baker said. “I think there are options available, but it takes two to tango. We could say ‘yes’ we want to merge, but someone else has to say they want to merge to make it work.”

Station 3 sale delayed
Burns first asked the question about what to do with Sta-
tion 3 at 15000 Sun Hills Drive back in 2013 when con-
struction of the new Shamrock Station 2 was completed. Station 3 has been discussed on and off over the years since then, finally culminating in last month’s de-
cision by the board to hire a realtor and list the property for $195,000. See www.occ.mn/v1sl5.html/dwfpd and www.occ.mn/v1sl2.html/dwfpd.

The next Donald Wescott Fire Protection District Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Jan. 17 at Station 1, 15415 Glenelge Dr. Meeting are usually on the third Tuesday of each month. For information, call Executive Administrator Stacey Popovich at 488-8860 or see www.wescottfire.org. The district is also on Facebook.

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