TOWN OF DRUMMOND

Bayfield County Drummond, Wisconsin 54832

PUBLIC HEARING: July 14, 2020.

COMMENT REGARDING DESIGNATING SAWMILL LANE AS A TOWN ROAD

The public hearing was called to order in the Civic Center at 6:30 pm by Royden Bloom. There were 7 members of the public as well as the full board in attendance.

Chairman Bloom asked for comment regarding designating Sawmill Lane as a Town Road.

Ray Lorenz gave a brief background of why and how the petition got started. He also stated he was in favor of making the road a Town Road.

Chairman Bloom then offered his opinion of the situation. He had spoken with many of the residents on Sawmill Lane. Mr. Beckwith was the only party openly opposed to the designation. Bloom explained Beckwith had a few legitimate concerns including being severely restricted by zoning ordinances if Sawmill Ln. were to become a road. The ROW width would prohibit Beckwith from ever building or upgrading is house.

Bloom presented the following alternative: Since the Sanitary District has several hydrants along Sawmill Lane and holds an easement to use Sawmill Lane for servicing Sanitary District infrastructure, the Town would consider plowing the snow from Sawmill Lane on the same cycle it uses for clearing all other hydrants in town. This means it would not be a primary plow route, but would be tertiary when the Town crew made its rounds to clear all the hydrants in town. This alternative would satisfy the want of Sawmill Ln. residents to have the road plowed by the Town.

The residents of Sawmill Lane in attendance, felt this would be a suitable alternative.

Seeing no opposition to Blooms proposal, the public hearing was adjourned at 6:55pm.