

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-1

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE POTENTIAL CLOSURE OF BRANDON ROAD, SUNNY KNOLL ROAD, AND SHELDON ROAD RAIL GRADE CROSSINGS WITH THE WISCONSIN & SOUTHERN RAILROAD, LLC TRACKS IN THE TOWN OF METOMEN AND IN KEEPING THE EXISTING CROSSINGS OPEN FOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC

WHEREAS, the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads is investigating the adequacy of warning devices at the grade crossings of the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad, LLC (WSOR) tracks with Douglas Street in the Town of Ripon; Brandon Road, Sunny Knoll Road, and Sheldon Road in the Town of Metomen and CTH KK in the Town of Metomen and Town of Ripon, and

WHEREAS, in the Office of Commissioner of Railroads Amended Notice of Investigation, it states they are now evaluating the potential closure of Brandon Road, Sunny Knoll Road, and Sheldon Road in the Town of Metomen, and

WHEREAS, if the Office determines that the crossing closures should be pursued, a public hearing will be held, and

WHEREAS, significant concern has been voiced by the public, local officials from both the Town of Metomen, Village of Brandon, and Fond du Lac County along with emergency response agencies, and

WHEREAS, that the elimination of these crossings will cause delays for emergency response vehicles including EMS, Fire, and Sheriff's Office from responding to possible life-threatening situations, and

WHEREAS, this will also negatively affect the quality of life and environment for adjacent residents and farmers who will now be forced to travel extra distances to get their crops

off the fields and in some cases, forcing them to bring their large equipment through the Village of Brandon to get around, potentially introducing safety hazard with unwanted heavy equipment and traffic through the Village, and

WHEREAS, Town of Metomen officials have made a written request to Fond du Lac County to jointly support its opposition to the closing of these intersections prior to the Office of Commissioner of Railroads' determination, and

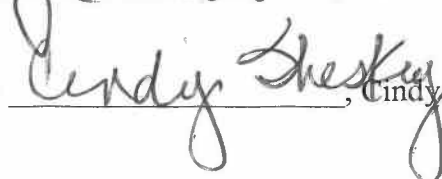
WHEREAS, Town of Metomen has done extensive research within our Comprehensive Plan to designate property on Sunny Knoll road for future residential development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the TOWN OF METOMEN BOARD goes on record opposing the potential closure of railroad crossings at Brandon Road, Sunny Knoll Road, and Sheldon Road and to keep the existing crossings open for vehicle traffic and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Office of Commissioner of Railroads, the Congressional and State Legislators representing Fond du Lac County and State Department of Transportation.


_____, Jeff Amend, Metomen Chairman


_____, Scott Zacharias, Metomen Supervisor


_____, Shelly Hiemstra, Metomen Supervisor

Attest: 
_____, Cindy Sheskey, Metomen Clerk