



September 26, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: Community Life, Infrastructure, Public Property Committee
FROM: Kim Manley, Interim Administrator
SUBJECT: Kowalski Road Traffic

Continue discussion on the concern that two citizens had with the 6-8 semi-trucks per day and number of dump trucks. The Committee has directed that this subject be brought back for discussion.

- Contacted Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation on the authority of a local municipality to restrict traffic – namely heavy weight or semi-truck/trailer vehicles.
- State representative from the Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation Oversize and Overweight Division stated for restrictions by weight that the Village should adopt an ordinance with the specific location, length, weight restriction, type of vehicle, etc. Post and publication strongly recommended.
- State representative also stated while the local municipality has control over its roads it cannot arbitrarily restrict traffic without an ordinance in place.
- To enforce the ordinance for overweight vehicles, namely semi-truck/trailers, the Village has to be able to weigh the vehicle before a ticket can be issued.
- Kowalski Road in the Village's Comprehensive Master Plan is identified as a principal arterial route for the Village – principal arterial route means a road meant to carry larger amounts of traffic. The Plan's per day trip estimates show the daily trip projected to increase.
- Originally in talking with the state representative he stated that a truck route is normally for a route to designate where trucks are authorized to travel. It would not be used to restrict traffic on a particular road. An email was sent to confirm that and a reply requested by the day of the meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Any future action, if desired, to be determined by Committee.