



July 18, 2023

MEMORANDUM

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

After the last meeting and the citizens coming forward concerned with 6-8 semi-trucks per day and the amount of pedestrian traffic the Committee directed that this subject be brought back for discussion and further investigation.

- The Police Department was advised of this concern.
- The Public Works Department was asked to bring the speed board out and remind motorists that there is a 35 mph on that road.
- 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 that the Village should adopt an ordinance with the specific location, length, weight restriction, type of vehicle, etc. Post and publication strongly recommended. I would also recommend we send a notice to the local freight companies to make them aware of the possible change before anything is adopted.
- 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.

ACTION ITEM: Continue discussion on the concern with semi-truck traffic on Kowalski Road.