

**Public Works Committee  
October 9, 2019**

Trustee Weatherston called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Village Hall, 5043 Chester Lane, Racine, Wisconsin.

Present were: Trustee Weatherston and Trustee Stillman

Absent: None

Staff present: Administrator Tom Christensen, Public Works Director Tom Lazcano and Highway Superintendent Bill Jacoby

**1. Approval of minutes**

Motion by Trustee Stillman to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Trustee Weatherston. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Rumble Strips**

Tom Lazcano explained that they have received multiple requests from a resident to remove the rumble strips from 4 Mile Road, just east of Hwy 38. The intersection of Hwy 38 and 4 Mile Road has a high crash rate and the rumble strips serve as a safety warning to drivers to notify them of the upcoming stop sign. Without the warning of the rumble strips, unfamiliar drivers may not be aware of the dangerous intersection they are approaching.

The resident who has submitted the complaint has spoken with other neighbors, and submitted a petition for those who also take issue with the noise. He is inquiring to see if the Village can eliminate the rumble strip outside of his home, or if it can be filled with tar to reduce some of the noise.

The Engineering Department contacted the Department of Transportation (DOT) to see how many crashes have occurred at this intersection and how severe the crashes were to verify if the rumble strips are absolutely necessary. Based on the crash report, they are needed for safety and do help. The rumble strip would need to be moved west and should never be removed entirely. The associated costs would fall on the Village, which has not been budgeted for. The DOT has suggested a roundabout for that area. The Committee was interested in pursuing a roundabout, and the Public Works Director will reach out to the DOT.

The resident came to the meeting after the motion had been made. The Committee overviewed the discussion regarding the roundabout, and the homeowner felt positively about the decision.

Trustee Stillman motioned to deny removing the rumble strips and move forward with contacting the DOT regarding potentially putting in a roundabout in the intersection of 4 Mile Road and Hwy 38, which would eliminate the need for rumble strips. Seconded by Trustee Weatherston. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Adjournment**

Trustee Stillman motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Weatherston. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joslyn Hoeffert, Deputy Village Clerk