



# VILLAGE OF COLONIE

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## MINUTES

### PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESOLUTION 2025-30 "APPROVE SPEED HUMPS TO BE PLACED ON HAWLEY AVENUE"

**MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025**

**6:30 P.M.**

**FRANK A. PREVRATIL**  
DEPUTY MAYOR

**PATTY SCHWARZ LOCKART**  
TRUSTEE

**JASON M. DEPAULO**  
TRUSTEE

**MARK P. STEVENS**  
TRUSTEE

**JAMIE L. BLOT**  
VILLAGE CLERK

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Prevratil to open the public hearing.  
The motion was seconded by Trustee Stevens.

Vote:	Trustee Lockart	Yes
	Trustee DePaulo	Yes
	Trustee Stevens	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Prevratil	Yes
	Mayor Rubino	Yes

Motion passed. Public hearing opened at 6:30 p.m.

The Clerk read aloud the public hearing notice as it appeared in the newspaper. Mayor Rubino expressed his gratitude to see such a great turnout of residents. He added the last time we addressed speedhumps were in 2020 and at that time it was recommended to turn over the investigation to the traffic advisory committee so that a traffic study can be done, and we would like to stay consistent with the same process.

Resident Phil Minnissale of 6 Harriet Street was present and thanked all for arranging this public hearing. He stated he has lived on Harriet Street for 49 years and speed has increased over the years. He said the 2 main reasons he is present is because he cares for the neighborhood and his neighbors and to try to mitigate the issue with people violating the Lincoln Avenue no-thru traffic sign and then speeding to get out to Central Avenue. He stressed that the neighborhood is looking for a gradual hump, not a speed bump. He also stated that they have an issue in the neighborhood with Monroe Muffler on Central Avenue test driving cars in the neighborhood at excessive speeds and he also stated one incident where a test driver was driving a vehicle in reverse down the street, to which he did contact the police regarding this incident. He did add that the police took a report and Mr. Minnissale had the footage of the incident on his ring doorbell. He also mentioned that our Code Enforcement Department called the corporate office in an attempt to mitigate these concerns, adding that the Code Department does a great job. He said that the call to corporate stopped the incidents for only a short time and they are back to test driving again, adding that a week ago another car was doing circles around the neighborhood. He said that out of the 13 houses in Hawley Avenue, 11 signed the petition, adding that the 2 that didn't sign were not home. He said that the neighbors are just looking to improve the quality of life.

Mayor Rubino added that unfortunately we can't have a police officer in that area all the time, but added that he appreciated the efforts of the neighbors contacting the police to let them know of the concerns. Mr. Minnissale thanked everyone who helped with the guidance on how to go about petitioning for the speed humps.

Resident Barbara Zanella of 13 Harriet Street agreed with what Mr. Minnissale addressed, stressing that speeding is such a problem in the area. She mentioned she's lived in the Village for 55 years. She thinks that the new speed signs may be enticing people to go faster on Harriet Street, she thinks people may be increasing their speed to see how fast they can go. She also mentioned that she thinks speed humps on the surrounding streets is a good idea (Harriet, Holland, Woolard). She said the 4-way stop sign was helpful. She did add that she went to the traffic committee about speed humps on Harriet Street, but didn't go to the point of gathering petitions.

Mayor Rubino said that speed is an issue in the Village, he also mentioned that property maintenance is an issue that we are working on, and added that he appreciated all coming to speak on this matter.

Resident Laura Cioffi of 8 Hawley Avenue agreed with Ms. Zanella that it would be a good idea to put the speed humps on the surrounding streets. She added that the vehicles come down Hawley Avenue doing 40 mph.

Resident Mary Kelly of 17 Hawley Avenue said she's lived in the Village for 30 years and Hawley Avenue has always been a cut through to Central Avenue. She also said she would like to see the design specifically for the speed hump and the placement prior to the installation, if approved. She said that she has really noticed how bad the issue is since getting her dog. With going on walks on Village Park Drive, she notices that this is an issue within the whole neighborhood. She added that the large curve on Tanglewood Road is also a concern, especially during school time with the buses and speeding cars.

Resident Bill Bennet of 23 Harriet Street said he lives by the radar sign and that he is opposed to speed humps, adding for the smaller cars it's going to cause damage and increase business for Monroe Muffler. He stated that if speed humps are put on Hawley Avenue then cars will just use the surrounding streets.

Resident Mickey Angier of 21 Woolard Avenue agreed with Mr. Bennet that if you put the speed humps on Hawley Avenue, then the cars will just move to the other streets to cut through to Central Avenue, increasing the speed and traffic on those surrounding streets. She added that there is a big rut near her house, the cars don't pay attention, they are speeding to get out to Central Avenue to frequent the Stewart's on the corner. She also mentioned that there are tractor trailers driving through the neighborhood again. Ms. Angier also mentioned concerns with the lighting in the Locust Park area on Central Avenue near the crosswalks, to which it was stated that that is a DOT road, but they are aware that it is an issue.

Chief Code Enforcement Officer Meservey stated that Mr. Minnissale had reached out regarding the Monroe Muffler and he did contact corporate. Chief Code Enforcement Officer Meservey stressed to have the residents call codes if they see something, adding any speeding concerns, to contact the police department.

Mayor Rubino stated that while this is being reviewed by the Traffic Advisory Committee we'll do everything we can to help mitigate these concerns and advised the residents to call us.

Resident Cici Sorel of 5 Harriet Street said she counted 46 cars that passed through today and of those cars about 5 of them were residents. She also offered to let the police park in her driveway. She mentioned that she also saw a lot of cars rolling through the stop sign.

Chief Jeff Kayser said that the department of motor vehicles oversees inspection stations, and would enforce complaints regarding these concerns of the test driving of vehicles since Monroe Muffler is an inspection station. He said there is a location on Karner Road, and said it might be worth reaching out to them, to which Mayor Rubino thanked the Chief for this information.

Resident Bill Bennet asked if there has been a traffic count done on Hawley Avenue, to which Deputy Mayor Prevratil said we do them about every 10 years, but part of turning this over to the traffic advisory committee, is that they will conduct a study which will include a traffic count.

There were no further questions or comments from the board or public.

Trustee Stevens made a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion seconded by Trustee DePaulo.

Vote:	Trustee Lockart	Yes
	Trustee DePaulo	Yes
	Trustee Stevens	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Prevratil	Yes
	Mayor Rubino	Yes

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie L. Blot  
Village Clerk