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Influenced by group?

As a member of the Clifton City Council in December when speed tables were discussed, the Council did not vote to allow speed bumps or speed tables on city streets.

In fact, I had asked the same question as (Fausto) Lucignani's letter suggests. Why are speed tables and bumps allowed in other cities and specifically asked the city manager to contact Montclair's chief of fire and police to find out about their experience with response times.

Here's an even better question. Why did Clifton install speed tables (two) at the only entrance and exit to the new Athenia Park complex if it slows down response time? Isn't it imperative for emergency vehicles to get to a complex where hundreds of children are playing? Additionally, why are there speed bumps at several of the Clifton schools, like the high school and the two middle schools?

Additionally, the traffic safety committee unanimously voted to install speed bumps on Dwasline Road (with no objection from Lt. Stuart who sits on the committee). Also, the outside engineer

also suggested speed bumps as a solution. Why the change of heart?

Sounds to me like this is pay back from certain members of the council who were endorsed by the special interest group who has been pushing for sidewalks on Dwasline as the only solution to speeding. This group has even put it in writing that the candidates who they endorsed have agreed to "install sidewalks on Dwasline Road" as the solution to the speeding.

I guess the lesson learned to the residents of Ruth Avenue, Notch Road and Robin Hood Road is you didn't promise votes in turn for what you wanted. The residents will be watching how the four council members who were endorsed by this special interest group vote.

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