
LAWRENCE VILLAGE BRIEFS

The Village of Lawrence Board of Trustees held a meeting on Sept. 11 to address ongoing village issues.

Police to get more funds

The board granted the Five Towns auxiliary police a \$500 increase in loans for the year, raising the total number to \$2,000 a year.

"We are thankful and appreciate everything that the auxiliary police do to help keep our community a safe place to be," said Lawrence mayor C. Simon Felder.

The police made a request for more money, declaring that with two officers graduating in November and 15 new applicants in training, there are not enough funds to cover their expenses.

The Town of Hempstead only provides \$1,000 in supporting auxiliary police departments and everything that the officers need comes out of their own funds.

This includes equipment on utility belts, purchasing their own cars, radios, uniforms, handcuffs, shoes, and hats.

"We rely upon the villages to help our funding so we can do our jobs," said Lieutenant Danny Gluck of the Five Towns auxiliary police. "Even with this increase, it is still not enough to cover our expenses that is about \$1,500-\$1,800 an officer to operate our unit with more employees now."

Reduced air traffic

Reports were presented to the board telling them how John F. Kennedy International airport has reduced air traffic. Between

the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:30 p.m., only 80 planes can take off and land per hour. The airport says that 1600 flights come in and out of the airport in one day.

Grant for security cameras approved

The village received a \$20,000 grant to install security cameras in the Lawrence and Inwood train stations after their were break-ins over Labor Day weekend. Spokespeople from the fourth precinct police and Lawrence-Cedarhurst fire department told the board about the crime and fire reports for the past month. There has been a decrease in crime and fire calls in August compared to July.

Traffic and parking news

The trustees also mentioned that the Long Island Rail Road gave the post office permission to use the spots that they occupy for their own use. Another idea that the board will look into heading into their next meeting is monthly parking for employees along Central Avenue instead of paying for long-term parking every day.

They also want to try to get light clock timers at the intersection of Central Ave. and Rockaway Turnpike due to the frequent pedestrian and vehicle traffic there.

The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 30 at the Village Hall on Central Ave. These briefs were compiled by Evan Nemeroff.