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Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 11:49 AM
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Cc: John Pender; Sonja Stout; Chris Barnett
Subject: Re: Lions Jubilee Special Event Permit – Village Council Review on November 24, 2025

Darwin,

While much of the information may be similar to what was presented previously, changes in council membership and the questions raised during last year's discussions suggest that additional dialogue would be valuable. Given the significant public-safety considerations involved, the department believes it is important to revisit these concerns to ensure all decision-makers are fully informed.

We recognize that individual one-on-one meetings could create the perception of limited transparency. Could we request small-group discussions, with just a couple councilmembers at a time which would promote open, constructive dialogue and provide an effective environment for ensuring decision-makers clearly understand the fire department's rationale for denying the event. We would welcome your participation in such discussions.

If you feel this approach does not offer sufficient transparency, would you be open to the option of a special meeting prior to the council session. This would allow all parties to review the fire department's concerns collectively and engage in a comprehensive, transparent discussion before any decisions are made.

Thank you for your attention and considerations in this matter.



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Jeff:

If I may ask, what information is different from in years past that would warrant additional consideration of the Lions Club Jubilee event? Any new information you may have should be discussed with me prior to presentation to the Council so that I can determine whether the item should be rescheduled and whether Administration's recommendation should be reconsidered. Administrative departments do not sidestep the Village Manager to make recommendations to the Village Council, just as I would hope that you would not sidestep the Township Supervisor when making recommendations to the Township Board.

Also, it is very important to the Village that it operates in the sunshine and strives to be as transparent to the public as possible in deliberation on policy matters. Any concerns the Fire Department has regarding the Jubilee event are important, relevant, and worthy of public discussion.

I appreciate your kind attention and cooperation with this matter.



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Lynsey, thank you for reaching out.

At this time, the Fire Department is requesting that this item be pulled off the November 24th meeting agenda.

It is well understood that the Jubilee event does not take place for another 8 months. In the upcoming weeks, the fire department intends to reach out to each of the Village board members to discuss and provide further education on this item.

It may be unjust for the Village Board members to vote on something they may not have all the information on.



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Good afternoon, Chief Allen,

I wanted to let you know that the **Lions Jubilee Special Event Permit Application** is scheduled to go before the **Village Council** for consideration at their **Regular Meeting on Monday, November 24, 2025**.

We understand that the **Fire Department did not approve** the application as submitted, and we've included your department's review and comments for the Council's reference.

Please let us know if you or a representative from the Fire Department plan to attend the meeting, or if there is any additional information you would like us to share with the Council ahead of time.

Thank you, Chief, for your time and for your input on this matter.

Best regards,

Lynsey Blough, CMC
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