

**CITY OF BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF POLICE**

	INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM	
	TO:	Michael Colon, City Council President
	FROM:	Michelle L. Kott, Chief of Police
	DATE:	June 15, 2023
	RE:	Resolution for Retirement of "Silver" – Police K9

The Bethlehem Police Department is seeking to retire K9 "Silver", a Labrador retriever, from active duty.

Silver was purchased in 2018 by State Farm Insurance as an accelerant detection K9 and gifted to the City of Bethlehem Police Department to assist in fire investigations.

The Bethlehem Police Department is seeking approval to properly retire "Silver" per Third Class City Code.

If approved, ownership will be transferred to Douglas Nothstein, "Silver's" handler of 5 years, so that she may be able to live out the remainder of her life in a happy and loving environment.

I respectfully request permission from Council, under 11 Pa.C.S. §12402.1 of the Third-Class City Code, to officially retire "Silver" and transfer her to her handler, Douglas Nothstein.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Respectfully,

Michelle L. Kott

Chief Michelle L. Kott #345
Bethlehem Police Department

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-

WHEREAS, in 2018 State Farm Insurance donated Silver, a Labrador retriever, to the Bethlehem Police Department to assist in fire investigations;

WHEREAS, Silver, as a dedicated and talented member of the Bethlehem Police Department K-9 Unit, and as an expert Accelerate Detection K-9 for more than five (5) years, has provided service of the highest order to protect the residents of Bethlehem and officers of the Bethlehem Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Bethlehem Police Department now wishes to retire Silver and to transfer ownership of Silver to Douglas Nothstein, her handler; and

WHEREAS, Silver will live out her retirement in a loving and happy environment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem is authorized pursuant to 11 Pa.C.S. § 12402.1 of the Third Class City Code to dispose of personal property by sale or otherwise upon approval by City Council via resolution; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Bethlehem that Silver be extended the gratitude of the City of Bethlehem, which has benefited from her more than five years of service and the special contributions she made to promoting public safety and protecting the lives and property of Bethlehem residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, now that Silver is retired, she can relax and enjoy all that life has to offer her; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Silver is extended every good wish for a long and happy retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that Silver is hereby approved to be transferred by the Bethlehem Police Department to her handler, Douglas Nothstein.

Sponsored by: /s/ _____

 /s/ _____

ADOPTED by Council this _____ day of _____, 2023.

 /s/ _____
 President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
City Clerk