

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-_____

WHEREAS, in 2016 the Bethlehem Police Department purchased Rico, a Dutch Shepard, with a donation by Dr. Caesar & Deanna DePaco;

WHEREAS, Rico, as a dedicated and talented member of the Bethlehem Police Department K-9 Unit, and as an expert Patrol & Narcotics Detection K-9 for more than seven (7) years, has provided service of the highest order to protect the residents of Bethlehem and officers of the Bethlehem Police Department;

WHEREAS, the Bethlehem Police Department now wishes to retire Rico and to transfer ownership of him to his handler, Matthew Steidel;

WHEREAS, Rico will live out his retirement in a loving and happy environment;

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 by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that Rico be extended the gratitude of the City of Bethlehem, which has benefited from his more than seven years of service and the special contributions he made to promoting public safety and protecting the lives and property of Bethlehem residents;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, now that Rico is retired, he can relax and enjoy all that life has to offer him;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Rico 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 Rico is hereby approved to be transferred by the Bethlehem Police Department to his handler, Matthew Steidel.

Sponsored by /s/ _____

/s/ _____

ADOPTED by Council this _____ day of _____, 2023.

/s/ _____

ATTEST:

President of Council

/s/ _____

City Clerk