

2.13.24 1st Reading  
2nd Reading  
2.13.24 3rd Reading  
2.13.24 Under Suspension  
2.13.24 Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF  
"ARGO", THE VILLAGE'S CURRENT POLICE DOG, TO  
GEAUGA COUNTY FOR USE IN THE GEAUGA COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE SUM OF \$2,000 AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, The Village of Oakwood owns a nine (9) year old German Shepard Dog known as K-9 Officer "Argo" whose canine handler (former Oakwood Police Sergeant Joshua Wendl) has resigned his position from the Village and is now employed by the Geauga County Sheriff's department as a Sheriff's Deputy; and

**WHEREAS**, K-9 Officer "Argo" at 9 years old, after serving the Village of Oakwood with distinction for these many years, is in the "late autumn" of his police dog career; and

**WHEREAS**, Geauga County has offered the Village of Oakwood the sum of \$2,000 for the purchase of "Argo" to serve out whatever time remains on his career as a K-9 officer under the continued supervision of his handler, former Oakwood Police Sergeant Joshua Wendl (a copy of the "K-9 Purchase Agreement" with Geauga County is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and its provisions are incorporated herein as if fully rewritten).

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio that:

**SECTION 1.** The Mayor be and is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract on behalf of the Village of Oakwood with Geauga County, Ohio for the sale of K-9 Officer "Argo" to Geauga County for the sum of \$2,000, as more fully delineated in Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully rewritten,

**SECTION 2.** The Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to deposit the sale proceeds from the sale of K-9 Officer "Argo" to the appropriate account.

**SECTION 3.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village, the reason for the emergency being that the same relates to the daily operation of a municipal department, and the need to authorize the transfer of K-9 Officer Argo to Geauga County and the Geauga County Sheriff's Department in a timely fashion so that K-9 Officer Argo can resume his law enforcement duties with his handler, Joshua Wendl; Therefore, provided it receives two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the vote of all members of Council elected thereto, said Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 2.13.2024

Erica J. Nikolic  
Erica Nikolic, President of Council

Tanya Joseph  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the Mayor 2.22.24

Approved: 2.22.24

Gary V. Gottschalk  
Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2024-04 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

Tanya Joseph  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

**POSTING CERTIFICATE**

I, Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2024-04 was duly posted on the 22 day of February, 2024, and will remain posted as provided on the Charter and Ordinances of the Village.

Tanya Joseph  
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

DATED: 2.22.24