

VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO

RESOLUTION 2022-62

Authorizing the Yellow Springs Police Department to Develop and Administer a Therapy Dog Program

**WHEREAS**, Following extensive research on the part of Chief Burge into the benefits of a therapy dog program, including speaking with handlers and administrators of current programs and examining data on outcomes for therapy dog assisted police encounters, the YSPD wishes to develop such a program for local use; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Greene County Board of Mental Health and Recovery has made available grant funds sufficient to initially implement this program from the standpoint of materials needed; and,

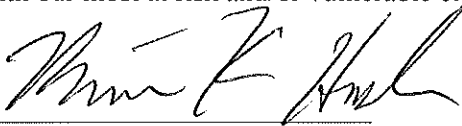
**WHEREAS**, SICSA (Society for the Improvement of Conditions for Stray Animals) of Dayton and the Green County Animal Shelter have both agreed to search and test their canines for a dog suitable in temperament for receiving Therapy Dog training; and,

**WHEREAS**, Both SICSA and Greene County Animal Shelter have agreed that, once a dog is selected, they will work with members of YSPD to properly train them as handlers,

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED**, by Council for the Village of Yellow Springs, State of Ohio that:

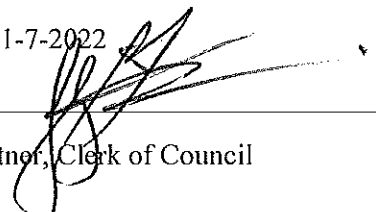
**Section 1:** The Village Manager is authorized to approve a comprehensive YSPD policy, written to assure good community fit as well as best practices gleaned from existing therapy dog programs.

**Section 2.** Council expressly finds that the potential benefit of such a program can improve interactions with our most at risk and/or vulnerable citizens, and commends this proactive step.



Brian Housh, Council President

Passed: 11-7-2022

Attest: 

Judy Kintnor, Clerk of Council

Roll Call:

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