

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA, APPROVING THE PROPERTY TRANSFER AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND WHITESTOWN POLICE OFFICER

WHEREAS, the Town Council for the Town of Whitestown, Indiana (“Town”) is the legislative body of the Town that meets periodically to conduct Town business and to establish Town policy.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town, pursuant to I.C. 5-22-22-6, to transfer ownership of the Whitestown Police Department “K-9 Igor”, an eight (8) year old Police “K-9” currently serving the Whitestown Police Department with his handler Officer Blayne Root “Officer Root.”

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town to transfer ownership of “K-9 Igor” to Officer Root, due to “K-9 Igor” nearing the end of his expected longevity as a Police Canine.

WHEREAS, Officer Root, an Officer with the Whitestown Police Department and “K-9 Igor’s” handler for the past seven (7) years, is willing to take ownership of “K-9 Igor” and care for him indefinitely.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND AGREED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA, THAT:

- Section 1:** The above recitals are incorporated herein by reference.
- Section 2:** The Whitestown Police Department transfer ownership of “K-9 Igor” to Officer Root.
- Section 3:** Officer Root shall accept responsibility for future care and maintenance of “K-9 Igor”.
- Section 4:** Officer Root agrees to hold harmless the Town of Whitestown and its officers, officials, employees, attorneys, agents, successors ad assigns and shall indemnify same, for any and all liability or expense that may arise from or as a result of the transfer of ownership of “K-9 Igor” to Officer Root on or after the date of this Resolution (See attached “Exhibit A”).
- Section 5:** This Resolution shall be in effect from and after its passage by the Town Council.

PASSED by the Town Council of the Town of Whitestown, Indiana this ____ day of _____, 2024, by a vote of ____ in favor and ____ against.

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA

Dan Patterson, President

Tanya Sumner, Vice President

Cheryl Hancock

Tobe Thomas

Eric Nichols

ATTEST:

Matt Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN
AND OFFICER BLAYNE ROOT

In return for the transfer of ownership of canine Officer "Igor" from the Town to me, I, Officer Blayne Root, of the Whitestown Police Department, do hereby forever release and discharge the Town of Whitestown, Indiana, its officers, officials, employees, attorneys, agents, successors, and assigns from any and all liability, claims, demands, controversies, damages, costs and expenses, actions and causes of actions, whatsoever, related to any loss or damage of any kind or nature, resulting from any injuries or damages to any person or property as a result of "Igor's" actions or inactions, whom has been given to me to ensure maintenance and care for the rest of "Igor's" natural life, and I hereby forever release the Town of Whitestown from such responsibility. This release shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of any successors, assigns, representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, and agents of mine.

Signature: 
Printed Name: Blayne Root
Title: Canine Sergeant
Date: 7/2/2024