

October 17, 2022

To: Lockport Corporation Council,

On October 13, 2022 at 0818 hours I received a phone call from 4th Ward Alderman Kathryn Kitty Fogle and said call lasted 43 minutes and 11 seconds. Alderman Kitty Fogle wanted me to tell Mayor Michelle Roman not to attend any future budget meetings. Further she claimed 3rd Ward Alderman Mark Devine wanted this as well. I did follow up with Alderman Devine who stated this was not the truth on his end.

I did engage Alderman Fogle in a conversation of city issues including the ambulance situation. Alderman Fogle told me that Alderman Gina Pasceri had been speaking to a Mr. Gracie from Freed Maxick and claimed that restoring the ambulance service would cost \$3,000,000. Alderman Fogle further claimed that Mr. Gracie felt the city was wasting its money on the audit.

Alderman Fogle began to talk about the Mercy EMS proposal as being something to consider. Alderman Fogle wanted Mercy EMS to provide basic life support and the fire department would provide the paramedics. Alderman Fogle claimed the Mercy EMS proposal would only cost the city \$16,000 a month and that Mayor Roman was to blame for all of this. I stated that this was foolish as we could not bill for the paramedic service. Further, I stated that the Mercy EMS proposal was no good as they did not have the equipment or staffing that it was nothing more than a paper proposal.

During the call I began to discuss a mental health crisis call on Green Street and issues with the Niagara County Sheriff's Office dispatch and Twin City Ambulances attitude and response time. The call involved a barricaded person in mental distress that had plunged a broken bottle into his right elbow and was bleeding to death. The officers on scene were able to apply two tourniquets and saved the individuals life.

Alderman Fogle then made a shocking and deeply disturbing comment to me regarding the call. Alderman Fogle stated "oh, I shouldn't say this but I really don't care if some mentally ill guy kills himself as we would be better off, so what if no ambulance was available". Alderman Fogle repeated this comment two more times. Alderman Fogle asked if I agreed with her comments which I did not and found them to be extremely offensive.

I told Alderman Fogle that I had to watch people die when I was a police officer. I told Alderman Fogle that it is an awful thing to have to watch someone die as it has affected me and still haunts me.

Alderman Fogle serves as council representative on the Fire Board. Alderman Fogle's comment show that she may be unfit and lacks the compassion necessary to serve on the fire board .

Sincerely,

Paul Beakman

1st Ward Alderman and Council President