

Good Evening,

My name is Robin Bienkowski and I reside at ~~338~~ 338 Lenox Ave.

I am speaking tonight to place on the public record, a series of documented actions that I believe raise concerns about conduct, consistency and adherence to established policies.

I supported and campaigned for Council member Lynne McHugh based on her stated commitment to transparency, unity and professionalism. For that reason, what I am about to share is not only concerning to me, but broke my heart.

Through a FOIL request and direct review of records and follow up questions to parties involved (all documented), I have confirmed the following:

- Shortly after taking office, Council member McHugh contacted The City Manager requesting the removal of an individual from a Commission, despite that individual being duly appointed. According to documents and records, no legal bias existed for that removal other than a personal conflict between this individual and a friend of Council

That alone raises concerns about Judgment and adherence to ethical boundaries. Her persistent requests, more than 2, were ultimately denied.

- In a separate incident, Council member McHugh attempted to solicit support related to her next re-election from a city worker. She asked for him to give her a "shout out" for credit for something she did not do. Her words were, "unfortunately, I have to work much harder to get re-elected than some of my colleagues and if constituents know I'm making some valuable contributions, it could help a lot." Records indicate that she was subsequently advised by legal that this was inappropriate.

- Additionally, there is a pattern of conflicting statements regarding the Airplane Vets project and the DRI. While written communications between Council member McHugh and Mr. Lovell show that financial details were explained by Mr. Lovell several times and acknowledged and even thanked for clarification by Council member McHugh, public statements and personal texts even to myself, by Council Member McHugh continue to suggest a lack of her understanding.

- There was also an attempt by Council Member McHugh to gain access to the internal City Server whom only the City Manager and City Clerk have access to. This server allows the ability to see any att and all communications, including fire and Police, The security company that handles the safety of our servers contacted the City of Oneida to let them know that a Janet Jones and a Lynne McHugh had recently attempted to add themselves as administrators, When confronted, Lynne denied doing so. This is beyond the role of a Council person, unorthodox and against policy, raising further questions about her adherence to policy.

- Finally, and while maybe not as severe as soliciting votes, the most important to me. My council member, Council member Pagano shared with me his own personal information. Council member McHugh communicated with the Mayor and City Manager that she wanted to talk about the "removal" of Council member Pagano because of his health and her concerns with it. When it was explained to her that unless something Criminal has occurred, only the public can remove him by not electing him again. She then, filed a complaint with HR stating that his mental faculties were not adequate to do his

This could 100% be spun as discrimination, but in my opinion, was a personal attack on my ward councilor after he repeatedly disagreed with her and questioned all that I have stated tonight.

It is not my place to speculate or to assign motives, but as a concerned citizen, I am here to state that these events are documented and they reflect a pattern that I believe the public needs to be aware of. Paid city officials can do next to nothing to hold our elected officials accountable, only voters can through public knowledge.

Transparency does not only apply to paid City Staff, but to elected officials as well.

Thank you.

If anyone would like documented proof of what I have stated tonight, please see me after the meeting.