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Cheektowaga official on question of resignation: 'Why? What have I done?'

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James P. Rogowski faced members of the media Tuesday night as he read a prepared statement outside Council Chambers in Cheektowaga Town Hall.

Rogowski, a Cheektowaga town councilman, was arrested Friday by West Seneca Police and charged with felony contempt for violating an order of protection, according to West Seneca Police.

"Let's not forget that this is a family matter," Rogowski said, reading from a sheet of notepaper.
"Accusations have been filed against me and my

character. I look forward to the opportunity to have my day in court." Sections Search

"God bless my family and my kids, who are at home right now," a tearful Rogowski said, his words barely audible.

Rogowski referred all questions to his attorney, Patrick Stafford. He did say that he would not be stepping down from his Council seat.




James Rogowski. (News file photo)

Earlier, when asked if he planned to resign, Rogowski replied: "Why? What have I done?"

Rogowski, 45, was jailed overnight Friday after his arrest. He was also charged with menacing, after he allegedly chased after his wife in his vehicle as she was driving her car on Orchard Park Road in West Seneca, West Seneca Police said.



Rogowski's wife was granted an order of protection after an alleged domestic incident involving her husband occurred Feb. 16 at their Cheektowaga home, Cheektowaga Police said.

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No charges were filed as a result of the alleged incident.

Supervisor Diane M. Benczkowski said she had a private conversation with Rogowski about the series of alleged events, and while she admitted it was a distraction, she declined to elaborate.

"He asked me not to comment, so out of respect to his family I will not be commenting," Benczkowski said.

Rogowski has worked as a technology instructor at Lockport High School for more than 20 years.

Rogowski's next court date is March 13 in Town of West Seneca Justice Court, according to his attorney.



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