

## Candidates will treat everyone fairly

I was totally blown away by comments from our Cape Vincent Supervisor Tom Rienbeck and Councilman Marty Mason at the last town board meeting.

The Jefferson County Board of Ethics Committee has recommended that board members Joe Wood and Marty Mason recuse themselves from voting on wind turbine issues since they will benefit financially from turbines. Mr. Rienbeck questioned the wisdom of this by citing an absurd and convoluted example about financial support for the fire department.

Marty Mason followed by giving a ridiculous example of how a zoning law for a purple house is the same as a zoning law for a 425-foot wind turbine. Then, Mickey Orvis added, "There's more to this town than wind farm development."

Well, Mickey, please tell me what you are working on that compares to a \$200 million to \$300 million commercial wind turbine project? Our town officials do not grasp the enormity and consequences of this project on the town of Cape Vincent. Albert Einstein once said, "You can't solve a problem with the same mind that created it."

It's time for the voters of Cape Vincent to change their town board. Please vote for new leadership by voting for John DeFrancesco for town supervisor and Cliff Schneider for town councilman. I am confident they will work hard to treat everyone with fairness.

**TOM GORMEL**  
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