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Dear Neighbor:

We the Town Board have determined that it would be a good time to update you in regards to the Incentive Wind Energy Zone that was established in February 2009.

On Saturday, July 11, 2009, we are holding a Public Hearing on a Wind Incentive Zone Application. The hearing is being held at the Town of Italy Highway Barn at 9:00 am. You may view the application on-line at www.ecogeneis.com/report.html or paper copies at the Prattsburg, Naples, Branchport or Penn Yan Libraries.

It is the opinion of the Italy Town Board that, because of wind resources in the Town of Italy and the push for renewable energy, industrial wind turbines will eventually be forced upon the Town by either the State or Federal government. The current proposal for the development of wind turbine towers will offer the Town of Italy an amenities package through "incentive zoning."

"Incentive zoning", is a method established by New York State Law whereby a Town may require a developer to provide amenities to that Town in return for permitting a particular type of development through zoning, which would otherwise be prohibited by the Town Zoning Law. Those amenities may include a wide range of improvements to the town, as well as cash in lieu of amenities. That is the reason why the Town Board recently adopted the wind energy incentive zones in the southern periphery of the Town of Italy.

At this time the Town has received an application for an Industrial Wind Facility. The developer is requesting to build eighteen wind turbines. Seventeen turbines will be on Emerson Road and one turbine on Clute Road. We are currently negotiating the incentive package, which includes the purchase of equipment, new structures, improvements to existing structures, possible jobs and cash. This one-time incentive would total approximately \$1,636,000. In addition to that we are negotiating a cash amount to be received annually for the next 20 years. These funds would be used to help lower the Town Tax Levy and establish a healthy fund balance at the end of the 20 years. For example, if we were to receive \$9,000 a megawatt and the turbines are 2.3 megawatts, we would get \$20,700 for each turbine or a total of \$372,600 a year. At the end of 20 years we will have received approximately \$12,139,200.

The Town Board is aware that the development of an industrial wind farm within the Town of Italy does not come without certain negative impacts. The Board is also

aware that some of these negative impacts will be unavoidable. There is no way to avoid the fact that the towers being proposed in Italy are over 400 feet in height. There will be a noticeable change in the landscape. By their nature, industrial machines of this size will emit noise that will, at times, exceed existing ambient levels. While the wind farm is being constructed there will be noticeable increases in construction vehicle traffic in the area of development, as well as areas that access these sites. While some of the impacts to the Town can be avoided, there are clearly some that are unavoidable. Having developed an "Incentive Zone" the Town has the ability to require the aforementioned amenities to help to offset these and other unavoidable negative impacts. With the increased demand for renewable energies on both a state and federal level it's possible that the Town may be forced into a position of accepting wind energy development without the advantage of any amenities. It is our hope that by acting proactively now we can avoid acting reactively at a later date.

We hope this letter helps to bring you up to date. If you have any questions please feel free to contact any of us.

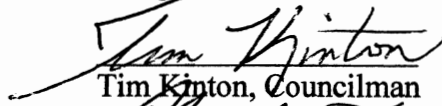
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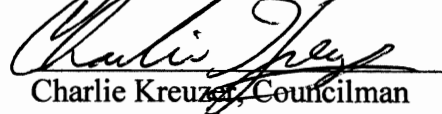
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