

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
SPECIAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 20, 2024 MINUTES**

**PRESENT** – Trustee Cross, Treasurer Roggero, Supervisor Marcinkowski, Trustee Brower, Clerk Steffes, Trustee VanOosterhout

**ABSENT**- Trustee Holman

**ALSO PRESENT** – (8) Eight interested parties

**CALL TO ORDER** - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the December 20, 2024 Special Meeting to order at 2:03 PM, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA** - Motion by Clerk Steffes, second by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to approve the amended December 20, 2024 Special Meeting Agenda.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** –  
Matthew Johnson 2936 Nestrom Rd- Expressed that if the changes make it easier and less restrictive to install solar, he is in favor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS** – There were none.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

1. ARTICLE III GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 3.37 SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS  
Approval of corrections as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Trustee VanOosterhout raised concerns about the missing definition of “Commercial Solar Energy System” under number 8. Height, Backyard Commercial/Industrial. He also voiced concern about whether only the Panels are required to have UL approval or if the entire system needs UL approval.

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to Suspend Roberts Rules.

*Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried*

Public Comment-

Mark Grotenhuis 3501 Todd Rd- answered questions regarding the missing definition as well as the UL approval of panels.

Scott Eadman 5401 S Shore Dr- provided insight as to what a Commercial or Industrial system does.

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Clerk Steffes, **ADOPTED**, to return to Roberts Rules.

*Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried*

Motion by Trustee Brower, second by Clerk Steffes, **ADOPTED**, to approve ARTICLE III GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 3.37 SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS as-is with a requirement for the Planning Commission to define” Commercial Solar Energy System.”

*Roll Call Vote: Clerk Steffes AYE, Trustee Brower AYE, Treasurer Roggero AYE, Trustee Cross AYE, Supervisor Marcinkowski AYE, Trustee VanOosterhout AYE, – motion carried*

2. ARTICLE III GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 3.23 NON-CONFORMING BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND USES

Approval of corrections as recommended by the Planning Commission

Trustee Brower raised concerns about whether or not all 4 items under B. Expansion and Substitution of Nonconforming Buildings or Structures would need to be accomplished in order to conform. Board concluded the verbiage does not state that.

Motion by Trustee Cross, second by Supervisor Marcinkowski, to Suspend Roberts Rules.

*Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried*

Public Comment-

Scott Eadman 5401 S Shore Dr- pointed out that all 4 items under B. Expansion and Substitution of Nonconforming Buildings or Structures could not be accomplished as two are mutually exclusive.

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Clerk Steffes, **ADOPTED**, to return to Roberts Rules.

*Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES, 1 ABSENT – motion carried*

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Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Cross, **ADOPTED**, to approve ARTICLE III GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 3.23 NON-CONFORMING BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND USES as written.

*Roll Call Vote:* Clerk Steffes **AYE**, Trustee Brower **AYE**, Treasurer Roggero **AYE**, Trustee Cross **AYE**, Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE**, Trustee VanOosterhout **AYE**, – **motion carried**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was none.

**BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION** – There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Treasurer Roggero, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the December 20, 2024 Special Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 2:38 PM.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **6 AYES, 1 ABSENT** – **motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexa Steffes, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland