

Waterford Township



"where the path from the past & the future meet"

NEED TO KNOW

Township Board meets 2nd Monday of month at 7:00 p.m.

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Planning Commission meets 1st Monday of month at 7:00 p.m.

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Scott Qualle	888-446-1801
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Bob Freiermuth Jr. - #C818	651-437-5343
Certified Septic Inspector	Bob Freiermuth Sanitation, LLC

ANNUAL PICNIC

SAVE THE DATE---The Waterford Township Annual Picnic will be held Saturday, July 4, 2015 at the historic Waterford Town Hall and Park starting at 11:30 a.m. with the "dinner bell at noon". The annual picnic dates back to the 1950's when life-long resident Olive Skluzacek hosted the picnic. She rang the dinner bell exactly at noon! However, you could arrive a few minutes after the dinner bell rang & still have a place at the table.

This year "FAVORITE MEMORIES" will be shared with the dessert. Bring friends & family, a dish to pass, utensils & plates. Beverage, cups & napkins will be furnished by the Township Board.

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ORDINANCE CHANGES

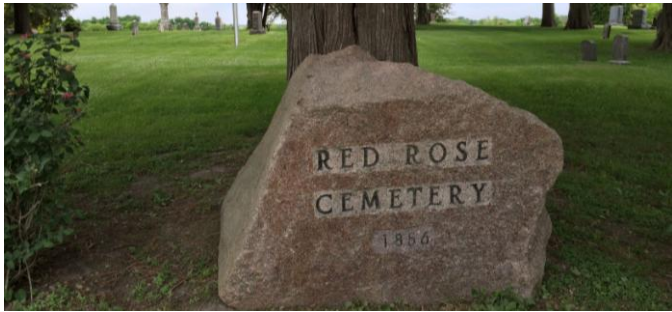
On Monday, May 4, 2015 the Township Planning Commission & the Township Board met jointly to consider ordinance changes & additions to the existing township ordinances relative to "in home business", "commercial business" & "solar energy systems."

That same evening a Public Hearing was held specifically for discussion & presentations related to commercial solar energy systems. Presenters stated that allowing commercial (wholesale) solar within Waterford Township is a step toward reducing man's carbon footprint, ensuring the Township an additional revenue source for 25 years, providing Township residents an opportunity to subscribe to renewable energy & preserving the land for the return of agricultural crops when the solar energy systems are de-commissioned.

The Planning Commission met that same evening and recommended the following zoning ordinance changes to the Township Supervisors based on the input from residents, consultants & developers during the Public Hearing:

- Allow an "in-home" business to use accessory buildings on the property as part of the in-home business. An in-home business is NOT a commercial operation nor does the business have employees.
- New definitions and regulation language was recommended for solar energy systems less than 40KW and solar energy systems greater than 40KW. Solar energy systems greater than 40KW (called wholesale) will be considered commercial and solar energy systems less than 40KW (called retail) will be considered residential. Both wholesale and retail solar energy systems must go through the permitting, public hearing and board approval process.
- Commercial business within the AG Agricultural zoning districts of Waterford Township will no longer be permitted. A commercial business "legally permitted" through the Township Board prior to the May 11, 2015 ordinance change will be allowed to continue operation. However any commercial business not legally permitted and or any future commercial business will not be permitted/allowed after the publication date of the zoning ordinance changes.

At the regular Township Board Meeting on May 11, 2015 the Township Supervisors approved the zoning ordinance changes as recommended by the Planning Commission & the Township Clerk published the relevant public notice in the Northfield News on May 16, 2015.



Did you know Waterford Township has a cemetery? A few tidbits of information:

- The Red Rose Cemetery was established in 1856.
- The Red Rose Cemetery is governed by the Waterford Cemetery Association.
- There are over 500 total burials at the cemetery, approximately 35 of which are veterans.
- The cemetery's first burial occurred in 1859. George Swales, a 21 year old transient worker drown while swimming in the Cannon River.
- In 1863 the first Veterans were buried in the cemetery: Civil War Veterans Chauncey Sackett (only 18 years old) and G.W. Sackett.
- World War II Veteran James Hood Sr. buried 12/13/2014 was the only person buried in the cemetery in 2014.
- Lots are for sale to anyone who conforms to the by-laws of the association. The Association reports that no lots were sold during 2014.
- Cost of a lot is established annually by the Cemetery Association.
- Seasonal trimming & mowing (approximately 7 to 8 hrs per mowing) is done as weather dictates.
- The oldest section allows for monuments while the newer section (south & west) allows flat stone markers only.
- Grave digging is hired done as needed.
- Lot sales, individual donations & Waterford Township provide for care costs. [Donations for upkeep are welcome!](#)

The three acre cemetery is located on the south side of 300th St approximately 1.5 miles east of Highway 3.

Board of Trustees & Officers & Phone #

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Laura Storlie	507-663-7033
Superintendent/Caretaker Richard Ozmum (Dick) Call Dick to purchase lots and/or ask questions about the cemetery.	507-645-9700

Civic Duty Kudos

The Township Supervisors wish to thank Ed Terry for his excellent job as moderator of the annual Township Meeting on March 11, 2015, all the many volunteers that converted the town hall from a polling place to a meeting place and **all the residents** that attended bringing forward their comments, concerns and suggestions. Good governance starts with the residents!! Many Kudos!!!

A great big **SUPER** thank you to the election judges that performed their civic duty at the Township Annual Election on March 11, 2015. Judges that worked various shifts included Rein Lemke, Lorraine Lemke, Ines Malecha, Marie Struss, Linda Blankenberger, Alberta Aldhal, Mary Ellen Frame, Erin Johnson, & Elizabeth Wheeler.

CELEBRATING??

Celebrating a birthday, anniversary, graduation, family reunion, reception, etc? Need a place to celebrate?

The Waterford Township Hall located in a park at 3847 321st Street W. is available for your celebration. You can rent the historic Town Hall for a small rental fee. The Hall has a kitchen, bathrooms, tables, chairs & some dishes.

Check availability by calling Township resident Linda Blankenberger (507-645-4712). She generously volunteers to be the keeper of the calendar for any activities at the Town Hall. Call her for information, a tour & or the key.

NOTIFICATIONS

Periodically Waterford Township may need to hold a special meeting or public hearing. Based on the type of meeting, the Township Clerk must either post a special meeting notice on the Township Hall door (Minn. Stat. 13D.04, subd. 2) or publish a public hearing notice (Minn. Stat. 394.25, Subd. 2) in the Northfield News.

Within the last year the Supervisors conducted several special meetings for a variety of circumstances including meetings with the Township Attorney, County Officials, Gilomen Innovations, Ordinance Consultant, educational training, quarterly inter-governmental meetings, Annual Road Inspection, etc.

Within the last few months the Township has had public hearings for interim/conditional use permits including Gilomen Innovations, Lost Spur Trailers, Solar Energy System ordinances, etc.

If Waterford residents wish to receive e-mail notification of special meetings or public hearings, they can send an e-mail request to the Clerk at waterfordtownship@gmail.com Your e-mail address will be set up in a "blind" copy thus hiding your e-mail address from others receiving the e-mail. If you request the e-mail notification the Township Clerk will **endeavor** to send an e-mail but the e-mail does not replace the required "official" notification of posting at the Town Hall or publishing in the Northfield News.