

# MONTEREY TOWNSHIP QUARTER THREE NEWSLETTER



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Regular Board Meeting: 10/2/23 at 7PM
- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting: 10/16/23 at 7PM
- Regular Board Meeting: 11/6/23 at 7PM
- Planning Commission Meeting: 11/13/23 at 7PM
- Regular Board Meeting: 12/4/23 at 7PM



## GET READY FOR A LOOK INSIDE MONTEREY TOWNSHIP

Hello and welcome to Monterey Township's newsletter!

We, the township board, are hoping to improve communication between our board and our community. We are hoping to do that by providing a newsletter to our residents on a quarterly basis.

This Quarter will include information that was presented during the Regular and Special meetings during the months of July through September.

We, as a township board are hoping that by providing this service, that you will feel informed and encouraged that we are doing all we can to make this a wonderful place to live.

If you have anything you would like to address or think we should add to our newsletters, please contact Clerk Megan Frank.

## Hall Rental Information

The Monterey Township board has agreed to continue hall rental services to residents and non-residents.

Resident Fee: \$60.00

Non-Resident Fee: \$150.00

If you have further questions, please call the Clerk, Megan Frank at (269) 793-2014 opt 2.



There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.

Margaret J. Wheatley



# Officials & Local Group Updates

## From the District 4 County Commissioner

All updates listed here have been provided by our District 4 County Commissioner Scott Beltman at our Regular Township Board Meetings:

- The new circuit court judge began.
- Budget for 2024-2025 discussed.
- 123.NET proceeding with building infrastructure.
- Discussed with the supervisor of Broadband Project, Jill Dunham, about cell phone service in the area.

If you have any questions or concerns for Commissioner Scott Beltman, please call (616) 292-1414

## From the HAFD Assistant Chief

All updates listed here have been provided by our Hopkins Area Fire Department representative at our Regular Township Board Meetings:

- Year to date call volume for the Department is 394.
- September had 6 medical and 2 fire calls.
- August had 10 medical and 6 fire calls.
- July had 10 medical and 4 fire calls.
- HAFD has 29 personnel paid on-call staff.
- 7 certified instructors.

If there are any questions or concerns in regards to the information provided, please call (269) 793-1000.

## From the SFD Chief

All updates listed here have been provided by our Salem Township Fire Department representative, at our Regular Township Board Meetings:

- The Salem Fire Department received the AAA Grant and will use that to get traffic control equipment.
- Completed SCBA fit testing.
- Camp Burn and Christmas in July at Sandy Pines were a huge success.

If there are any questions or concerns in regards to the information provided, please call (616) 896-8715

# Township Board Member Updates

## From your Clerk

Welcome to the section where I can provide an overview of the Clerk report. As your clerk, I have my hand in a little bit of everything here. But this past Quarter, I have worked on collection of our old books to digitize, improving our checks and balance procedure, and improving the election process at Monterey Township.

I had the pleasure of going through all our old books from our hall to organize those to be digitized. What an amazing experience to go through our township's history. In total, we sent out 114 books to be digitized. The earliest book dated back to 1836.

With our big election year coming up, my team and myself are continuously busy bringing helpful information to the table to help make this election process smoother. If you are interested in joining our team, please reach out!

As a reminder, Proposal 2 is still under discussion and working out kinks on the State/Federal level but as of right now, Early 9-Day Voting (approved under Proposal 2) **will ONLY BE CONDUCTED FOR STATE/FEDERAL ELECTIONS**. Early voting locations have been decided and will be released prior to those elections being held. If you have further questions in regards to early voting or elections in general, please contact me.

In the meantime, please feel free to call with any questions or concerns, I am always happy to help. Thank you.

- Megan Frank

## From Your Treasurer

Hi Neighbors,

My third quarter activity was dominated with summer property tax collection. Bills were mailed on July 1 and due September 14. Monterey Township had a total of \$1,280,509 to collect. As of 10/1, nearly 93% has been received and disbursed to the required governmental units: Allegan County, Hamilton Community Schools, and Ottawa County ISD.

The most common question received involved how to make a payment. As my home is my township office, payments can be mailed to or deposited at the drop box located at 2951 127th Ave – Allegan, MI 49010. The Township does have other mailing addresses, including a PO Box for bills and general mail as well as the Clerk's home address for items pertaining to election. Note: There are also drop boxes at the hall and clerk's home, but these are for ballots and not property tax payments. Payments mailed to the wrong address may reach me, but not without delays.

I collect property taxes for the current year from July 1 through the final day of February the next year. Delinquent summer tax bills incur a 1% interest penalty/month. This is calculated only on the taxable amount, not the total tax bill. For your convenience, the township has one general phone number with extensions to contact each official. To reach me, dial 269-793-2014 ext. 3.

- Julie DeHaan

## From Your Supervisor

As your supervisor, my job is to carry out any day-to-day responsibilities of improving our community.

In this 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, I have dealt with the Blight/Zoning Ordinances, Cemetery maintenance where we have looked at fixing some foundations and old stones and attended Fire/EMS meetings.

Other items that I addressed this quarter were AT&T Metro Act agreement, updating our Township Policy Book, ARPA Funding projects and maintaining all resident questions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me for further explanation/listening.

- Henry Reinart

**2023 Township Board Information**

For your convenience there is one phone number for the township:  
269-793-2014

Henry Reinart – Supervisor extension 1 reinarth@montereytownship.org	Megan Frank – Clerk extension 2 clerk.montereytownship@gmail.com
Julie DeHaan – Treasurer extension 3 treasurer@montereytownship.org	Brian Buschner – Assessor extension 4 montereyassessor@gmail.com
Jerry Williams – Trustee williamsj@montereytownship.org	Eric Commons – Trustee commonse@montereytownship.org



**REPUBLIC SERVICES**

For missing Recycling pickups or concerns please call: 877-698-7274

**ALLEGAN COUNTY INFORMATION:**

CENTRAL DISPATCH	(269) 673-3899 (NON-EMERGENCY)	3271 122 <sup>ND</sup> AVE, ALLEGAN, MI, 49010
COUNTY CLERK	(269) 673-0450	113 CHESNUT ST, ALLEGAN, MI, 49010
DISTRICT COURT	(269) 673-0400	113 CHESNUT ST, ALLEGAN, MI, 49010
DRAIN OFFICE	(269) 673-0440	113 CHESNUT ST, ALLEGAN, MI, 49010
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	(269) 673-5411	3255 122 <sup>ND</sup> AVE, STE 200, ALLEGAN, MI, 49010
MICHIGAN WORKS!	(269) 686-5079	3255 122 <sup>ND</sup> AVE, ALLEGAN, MI, 49010
ROAD COMMISSION	(269) 673-2184	1308 LINCOLN RD, ALLEGAN, MI, 49010
SENIOR SERVICES	(269) 673-3333 OR 1- 877-673-5333	3255 122 <sup>ND</sup> AVE STE 200, ALLEGAN, MI, 49010
TREASURER’S OFFICE	(269) 673-0260	COUNTY COURTHOUSE 113 CHESTNUT ST, PO BOX 259 ALLEGAN, MI, 49010
VETERAN SERVICES	(269) 673-0501 OR 1- 877-673-5333	3255 122 <sup>ND</sup> AVE, STE 2022

**Emergency Services Information:**

**IN CASE OF IMMEDIATE EMERGENCIES – CALL 911**

**Salem Fire Department:**

**Fire Chief:** Dan Kipen

**Email:** captain@salemtownship.org

**Address:** 3003 142<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Burnips, MI, 49314

**Phone:** (616) 896-8715

**Burn Permits:** It’s illegal to have an open fire in Salem Township. If you need a burn permit you must call Allegan County at (269) 696-5222

**Hopkins Area Fire Department:**

**Fire Chief:** Bob Kerber

**Assistant Chief:** Tyler Frank

**Email:** hopkinsareafd@gmail.com

**Address:** 209 East Main St, Hopkins, MI, 49328

**Phone/Burn Permits:** (269) 793-1000

**Wayland Area Emergency**

**Medical Services:**

**General Manager:** Robert Hess

**Supervisor:** CJ Hess

Scott Schumacher

Kathy Velthouse

**Email:** WAEMS@att.net

**Address:** 911 South Main, Wayland, MI, 49348

**Phone:** (269) 792-2958