



**COUNTY OF BERRIEN
OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
BRET WITKOWSKI, TREASURER**

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PRESS RELEASE

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Facing Tax Foreclosure? Berrien County's Treasurer Can Help!

St. Joseph, MI – Berrien County Treasurer Bret Witkowski is available to meet with property owners who are facing foreclosure due to unpaid property taxes. Those owing 2017 and prior year's taxes are able to set up a monthly payment agreement with the Treasurer to avoid losing their property.

Within the last two years, over 800 property owners have avoided foreclosure by signing up for a monthly payment plan. This program has served to benefit property owners, along with the local municipality, with an overall success rate of 93%.

Mr. Witkowski is available at the Administration Building, located at 701 Main St., St. Joseph, Monday thru Friday, 8:30-5:00 P.M., except for Tuesday when he is in the Niles office located at 1205 Front Street from 9:00-12:00 P.M.

Treasurer Witkowski has also set additional dates and times to meet with him in Watervliet, Niles and Benton Harbor prior to the March 31st foreclosure date.

February 12 th	Watervliet Public Library 333 N. Main Street Watervliet, MI 49098	5:00-8:00 PM
February 15 th	South County Court House 1205 Front Street Niles. MI 49120	11:00-3:00 PM
February 29 th	Benton Charter Township Hall 1725 Territorial Rd Benton Harbor, MI 49022	11:00-3:00 PM

By law, all 2017 and prior taxes are to be paid in full, or a payment agreement signed before March 31, 2020 to avoid foreclosure. The Treasurer has no authority after March 31st to allow any exceptions, unless court ordered.

So please, take advantage of this opportunity to save your property.

Sincerely

Bret Witkowski
Berrien County Treasurer