

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Special Meeting  
December 4, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

A joint public hearing was held on December 4, 2019 at the offices of Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership, 19 W. Market Street, Tiffin, Ohio. All members of the Board were present, along with representatives from the City of Tiffin, Seneca County Commissioners, Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership, the Seneca County Prosecutor’s office, and Hopewell and Eden Townships.

City of Tiffin Law Director Brent Howard opened the meeting at 7:00pm for the purpose of discussing the proposed extensions of the existing cooperative development agreements between Clinton, Eden, and Hopewell Townships and the City of Tiffin and Seneca County. The original agreements were entered into on October 11, 1999, and expired on October 11, 2019. The parties began talking about negotiating new agreements this summer, but additional time is needed for discussions. This one-year extension would extend the original agreements with the same terms and conditions until October 11, 2020.

Brent Howard opened the floor for public comments. Trustee Distel said that he thought we were extending the agreement for three months, not one year. Brent Howard explained that by the time the public hearing requirement was advertised and held, three months was not enough time. The one-year extension allows time for negotiations. Also, he says that when new agreements are drafted, another public hearing will need to be advertised and held prior to approval.

County Commissioner Shane Thomas asked if there is a working group that is going to work on the new agreements, and who will be working on that group? Brent Howard says that has not yet been decided. Mayor Aaron Montz intends on contacting representatives from each township after the first of the year to begin discussions. David Zak, President and CEO of Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership says his organization intends to help facilitate an agreement between the parties, along with Charlene Watkins from Seneca County Regional Planning.

Brent Howard says the City of Tiffin intends to pass an ordinance at their next meeting on December 16, 2019, that will allow the mayor to sign the extension agreements for each township. Each township should approve a resolution authorizing the Board to sign the extension also. Assistant Prosecutor Ellie Anderson says she will send an email with more information to the townships.

Trustee Distel also mentioned that the sewer agreement is also expired. City Administrator Dale Thornton says the city is commissioning a sewer rate study because they are under an Ohio EPA requirement to make certain improvements to their sewer and storm water system that are expected to cost \$82 million over 23 years. The study should be concluded by the end of March.

There being no other public comments, Brent Howard concluded the meeting at 7:17pm.

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James Distel, Ch., Trustee

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Dennis Baugher, Trustee

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Dennis Moyer, Trustee

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Jennifer Bates, Fiscal Officer