



Agenda for January 7, 2025

12:00pm at the American Legion Post 180

Lunch: Southwest Vegetarian Chili and Cornbread with salad, dessert and water \$12 per plate
Free to Guest Speakers

Morgann Daniels- President

Daney Hill- Vice President

Doug Cordes- Treasurer

Billie Stam- Secretary

1. Call the Meeting to Order

2. Review and approval of December Minutes

3. Review and Approval of December Treasurer Report

4. New Business

- Schedule Budget Meeting in January
- July 3rd Vendor Market
- Business Updates

5. Open Discussion

6. Meeting Adjournment

Minutes from December 3, 2025. Meeting held at American Legion Post 180
Meeting called to order at 12:05pm by Vice President Daney Hill

Meeting Attendees

A Step Back in Time – Ken Gfeller

Cordero Construction – Daney Hill

Champion Insurance Agency - Bille Stam

Roggen Telephone – Michelle Kipp

DCM Construction – Doug Cordes

Keenesburg Police Department- Chief Jensen

Iris Olivas Photography-Iris Olivas

Aflac-Kendra Shattuck

Meeting called to order – Morgan Danels at 12:07p

Approval of November minutes – Motioned by Chief Jensen, Second by Ken Gfeller

Approval of November Treasurer Report – Motioned by Ken Gfeller, Second by Chief Jensen

New Business:

Christmas in Keenesburg:

- Stickers have been handed out
- Maps are printed and ready to go
- There are lots of activities planned
- Unsure of the status of the donation for prizes
- There has been several posts put out about the parade asking people to just show up and they will be able to participate.

Website:

- Calendar is coming along
- Can now post the minutes
- Would like to try a members drive and would like to add a current list of members and emails on the website so everyone can access contact information.

Business Signs:

- Ken Gfeller met with people at the location to pinpoint where the sign will be installed.
- Reported that the town may start leaving easements to allow for space for additional signs for non-member businesses to advertise.
- There are no code requirements for the Chamber sign, however the planning board may revisit the design one more time before approval to get started on the install.
- Discussion about lighting for the sign. Discussed both solar lights and possibility of tying into the parking lot lights for the bank. Going to ask the bank if that is a possibility, if not then will shop solar.
- The question was asked if we should have the sign double sided now that it will be visible for traffic traveling both directions. We can either double side the sign and post different businesses on each side of the sign or we can recreate the design so a single sign will be visible from both sides. A decision and template will need to be created. Space will be made available on a first come, first served basis.

- The topper needs to be located.
- At the January meeting, there will be a material list and prices provided for what needs to be replaced on the current sign. This item is to be added to the Budget meeting agenda that is to be planned at the January Chamber meeting.

Business Update:

- Cordero Construction – Daney Hill-Nothing new to report
- DCM Construction-Doug Cordes-Business is steady
- Iris Olivas Photography- Iris Olivas-Has ordered large coloring sheets for Christmas in Keenesburg and is looking at options for possibly opening up a studio.
- Aflac-Kendra Shattuck- New to the area and would like to serve Keenesburg and the surrounding areas, working with businesses giving them the opportunity to create a more enticing employee benefit package. Is new to insurance and excited to get going.
- Keenesburg Police Department- Chief Jensen- Getting ready to start Elf on the Shelf. Have already had a lot of community involvement! Going to be doing Cocoa with the Popo at the High Plains Bank on December 19th. The bank is also hosting an Angel tree for Christmas. Finished the safety action plan and the report will be published soon. Have been working with the county on a threat mitigation, FEMA, Natural Disaster plan and are waiting for the final annex. There will be 2 positions for employment at the Police Department and 2 positions open with the Town of Keenesburg.
- A Step Back in Time- Ken Gfeller. The shop is doing fine. Donated christmas gifts to be drawn for during today's meeting. Ken offered to make lunch for the Chamber meeting in 2026 to hopefully encourage more attendance, it will be a main salad and dessert for \$12.
- Champion Insurance Agency-Billie Stam. business continues to grow.
- Miss Billies Place-Billie Stam. The daycare is busy as usual. Voiced concern for the building that is getting ready to take off in Keenesburg and the lack of daycare in the area.

Open discussions:

- Talked about a food drive being at TBK bank
- Brainstorm about how to get more people to attend the Chamber meetings. Talked about contacting the Business association to start getting guest speakers to come to the meeting. Someone suggested the Department of labor and workforce center would probably be willing to also come to a meeting as a guest and speak. Discussed possibly having a couple events during the year to promote the Chamber and doing a member drive at these events. There has been talk by Richmond Homes and Bandimere wanting to be more involved in the community and start building a relationship with their neighbors, and discussed continuing to invite them to the Chamber meetings.

Motion to adjourn by Ken Gfeller, Second Chief Jensen
Meeting adjourned by Vice President Daney Hill at 1:00pm