

KEENESBURG



Newsletter

January 2018

January Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, January 3, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting, 6 pm at Town Hall

Thursday, January 4, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting & Public Hearing, this meeting is CANCELED, the public hearing is vacated and rescheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2018, 6:00 pm at Town Hall

Monday, January 8, 2018 Finance Meeting, 3:30 pm at Town Hall

Tuesday, January 16, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting & Public Hearing, 6:00 pm at Town Hall

Town Hall will be Closed Monday, January 15, 2018, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Municipal Elections

The Town of Keenesburg will hold Municipal Elections Tuesday, April 3, 2018. There are six (6) Trustee positions that will be up for election, as well as the Mayor. A Town Trustee serves a four-year staggered term. In this election, three trustees with highest number of votes will serve four-year terms, and three Trustees with lower number of votes will serve two-year terms. The Mayor will serve a two-year term. We invite interested residents that would like to contribute their time through public service to consider running for either Trustee or Mayor. Petitions are available to be picked up at Town Hall on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

Burn Permit

Please be aware of the burn requirement within town limits. All burning, agricultural or otherwise, must be verified by the Southeast Weld Fire Protection District prior to ignition.

Town of Keenesburg:

- ✓ Must obtain burn permit (no charge) from Southeast Weld Fire Protection District per IFC 105.6.30, an operational permit is required for the kindling or maintaining of an open fire or fire on any public street, alley, road, or other public or private ground. Instructions and stipulations of the permit shall be adhered to.
- ✓ Permits are issued March 1st - November 1st
- ✓ Time of burn DAWN TO DUSK ONLY!
- ✓ Call for an appointment to obtain a permit:
303-732-4203 Monday-Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm.

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Visit us on the web:
townofkeenesburg.com

Lochbuie Police Dept.
non-emergency
dispatch: 303-652-4222

✓ Call before igniting burn and when burn ends: 303-502-0095

NO BURNING ON HIGH WIND OR RED FLAG DAYS. Call 911 if burn gets out of control. A FINE MAY BE IMPOSED FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.

Newsletter

If you would like to receive an email of the Town's Newsletter, please send your request to Christina at Town Hall to the following email: townofkeene@rtebb.net; or you may drop by and request this in person. Also, if there is someone you know outside of town limits that would like to be on the Newsletter email list, feel free to direct them to Christina at Town Hall.

Porch Lights

The Lochbuie Police Department recommends leaving porch lights on in the evening to increase safety and deter crimes of opportunity.

Board Update

The Board of Trustees meets every month on the first and third Monday at 6:00 p.m. These meetings are open to the public and we invite you to attend to have a voice in your government. We welcome attendance, and offer an opportunity for public comment about any topic that is not on the agenda. Our attendance at these meetings has been minimal for many years and we want and encourage anyone to attend, whether it is to be more informed about what is going on in your government or if it is to make suggestions - we welcome you!

The last Board meetings were held December 11, 2017 and January 3, 2018; a summary of business is below. The full minutes of the meetings will be posted on the Town's website once they are approved at the next scheduled meeting.

Town Manager's Report

At the December 11, 2017 meeting, Mayor Danny Kipp resigned his position on the Board of Trustees. The Kipp's have purchased a home outside of Keenesburg town limits that is their new principal residence and as such Mayor Kipp graciously stepped down as Mayor. Danny has served as the Mayor for the Town of Keenesburg since April of 2008. The Board and Staff would like to recognize his contribution to the town through his lengthy public service to the residents of Keenesburg and will be holding a reception; date and time to be determined. Please be on the lookout on Facebook and the Town's website for the date and time. Please join us in recognizing his outstanding contributions to the town.

On Tuesday, December 12, 2017, Marc Johns submitted his resignation as Trustee. Marc works for the Town in the capacity of Public Works Director, and as such he wants to concentrate on the improvement of the town's infrastructure and felt he could be more effective serving in this capacity rather than on the Board of Trustees.

The first board meeting of the new year was held on Wednesday, January 3, 2018. The Board appointed a new Mayor to fulfill those duties until April when the municipal election will determine the leadership for the next two years. Ken Gfeller was appointed to fill the position of Mayor, leaving another opening on the Board of Trustees. The Board then appointed both Tim Smith, and Mark Gray to serve as trustees for the duration of the terms through April.

Cont'd Managers Report

This election year is a milestone, as the entire board is up for election! Please consider serving the community through public service as election petitions are now available to be picked up from Toni Pearl, Town Clerk. Petitions are due back by January 22, 2018.

Town Hall is currently being remodeled to accommodate additional staff and give us all some breathing room! The remodel should be complete by approximately January 10, 2018. We will have a new configuration and a new look, but in the meantime we are available to assist you in any way we can.

We are currently looking for a new part-time administrative employee to work 28-30 hours per week. Some of the primary responsibilities of this position include accounts payable, accounts receivable, utility billing, cash reconciliation for bank deposits, and a variety of administrative tasks. Please see the full job description on our website. Applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 19, 2018.

Tonya Pitcher has volunteered to create a clean up assistance group. The intention of this group is to help residents that need assistance cleaning up their yards and areas around their homes. Please contact Tonya at 303-916-8787 or by email Ttsjk5@aol.com if interested in offering a helping hand to neighbors in our community.

Public Works Report

Please make sure that your dogs are registered with the town. It is five dollars per dog. All you need is proof of rabies, distemper, and parvo. Having tags on your dog(s) allows the Town to locate an owner quickly and get your loved one home. The Keenesburg Municipal Code 7-6-20 requires all dogs within town limits to be licensed.

With winter and snowfall here, we will continue to work hard to keep the roadways clear and safe. We start with plowing the main roads and then work to clear secondary roadways. First, we clear the center of the street, and then return to clean up the edges once the entire town has an open center lane. We will try our best to help people get out of their driveways after all the roadways have been cleared. It may take some time before we can assist with driveways – *we appreciate your patience!* If there is notice of a storm coming, please try to park cars off the right of way, this allows Public Works to clear the roads and access driveways.

Keenesburg Municipal Code Sec. 11-1-10. Removal of snow or ice.

It shall be unlawful for any owner or occupant of any lot, block or parcel of ground within the Town, or any agent in charge of such property, to allow any snow or ice to accumulate or remain upon any sidewalk alongside such property longer than twenty-four (24) hours from the time of the last accretion of such snow and ice.

Please be sure to clear sidewalks within 24 hours. This helps with safe travel to and from school.