



Minutes
KITTY HAWK TOWN COUNCIL
Monday, March 4, 2024
Kitty Hawk Town Hall, Smith Room, 5:00 PM

1. **Call to Order**
- ▶ 2. **Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Police Chief Palkovics** introduction of our newest Police Officer, Corey Morris.
5. **Public Comment** - The public is invited to address the Town Council on any topic. Please sign up with the Town Clerk before the meeting and when your name is called, come forward and speak into the microphone at the lectern. Please limit comments to 3 minutes.
6. **Consent Agenda** - Items on the consent agenda are considered to be non-controversial, routine in nature, or items not requiring a presentation to discuss by the Town Council in order to consider the items(s). Any item may be removed for discussion by the council or by any member of the audience who wants to hear the item presented and discussed.
 - a) **Approval of February 5, 2024, Council Minutes.** (Approval of the consent agenda will approve these minutes)
 - b) **Approval of the 2024-2025 Government & Education Channels (GEAC) Budget** for the operation of the Government and Education Channels. The proposed budget, which has been approved by the Government & Education Access Channels Committee, must be approved by the governing Board of every participating member entity of the channels, which includes Kitty Hawk. The proposed budget would take effect July 1, 2024. The budget as proposed requires no additional funding from the participating entities above the current annual \$1,000 membership fee.
7. **Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**
8. **Planning - Schedule Public Hearings**
 - a) **Special Use Permit & Site Plan** - 4907 & 4911 Putter Lane - applicant proposes new EMS Substation
 - b) **Text Amendment** - 42-1 Definition Minimum lot size - applicant proposes a revised definition requiring all uplands area used to fulfill minimum lot size requirements to be contiguous.
9. **Old Business:**
 - a) **Presentation:** Kitty Hawk Bridge Flooding, by citizen Diane Midgett, 1101 W. Kitty Hawk Road
10. **New Business:**
11. **Reports/General Comments from Town Manager**
12. **Reports/General Comments from Town Attorney**
13. **Reports/General Comments from Town Council**



14. Recess to March 19, 2024. Budget Workshop, 9am Kitty Hawk Fire Department, 859 West Kitty Hawk Road, Kitty Hawk, NC 27949.

Council Members Present:

Mayor Craig Garriss, Mayor Pro Tern Jeff Pruitt, Councilman David Hines, Councilwoman Charlotte Walker, and Councilman Dylan Tillett.

Staff Members Present:

Town Manager Melody Clopton, Town Attorney Casey Varnell, Administrative Services Director Laura Walker, Finance Officer Liliana Noble, Police Chief Mike Palkovics, Fire Chief Mike Talley, Public Works Director Willie Midgett, Sergeant Anthony Edwards, Police Officer Corey Morris, Detective Jason Rigler, Administrative Zoning Technician, Jessica Everett.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda

Garriss: Good evening, I would like to call the March 4th, 2024 Town Council meeting to order we are in the Kitty Hawk Town Hall it is 5:00 O'clock pm thank you all for joining us this evening, those of you who are here and those of you who are watching at home. If you would join us, if you are able to stand join us for a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Council, I need a motion to tonight's agenda please?

Pruitt: *So moved Mayor.*

Garriss: *Motion made by Jeff, second?*

Hines: *Second.*

Garriss: *Second by David. All in favor.*

All Council: *Aye.*

4. Police Chief Palkovics

Garriss: None opposed. First, we have a presentation by Chief Palkovics to introduce a new Kitty Hawk Police Officer at this time, but that Police Officer is out working and is on a call for service. So as soon as he gets here we will take up that matter with the Chief. Thank you all for bearing with us on that. Public Comment. Laura, has anyone signed up for public comment?



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5. Public Comment

Walker, Laura: *Yes sir, we do have one, Debbie Swick, of 59 Deer Path Lane, Southern Shores*

Garriss: *Garris welcomed Ms. Swick. Please keep in mind you are allowed three minutes during public comment and if you would speak directly into the mike so you can be heard.*

Debbie Swick: *Thank you, Mayor. Good evening, Mayor and Council members, my name is Debbie Swick I am the face behind the ban balloon releases NC. I have submitted and I hope you received a proposal for legislation ordinances in your Town, I have done with all the municipalities on the Outer Banks. I have also contacted all one hundred counties and I am working with a state legislator at this time. I understand that ordinances are very hard to execute I do know this one is probably up there in the top 10, but I ask that you consider banning the release of helium balloons for your Town. It is causing an exorbitant amount of litter on our beaches; it is killing our wildlife and in doing so there is a four-part proposal of four different items that I would like to be addressed by your Town Council to write into ordinances. If some of you just got this today, I do apologize as I did send it out on January 31st and I am not really sure, so I will certainly come back at another time to give you some time to look it over and come up with any questions that you may have. So, thank you very much.*

Garriss: *Thank you for coming in and Council we will take a look at this, and discuss.*

Garriss: *Laura, has anyone else signed up?*

Walker, Laura: *No, sir.*

Garriss: *Anyone else like to speak at tonight's public comment section.*

Brian Morgan, Board of Elections: *I am Brian Morgan, and I am with the Board of Elections among other things. I have been able to work with Kitty Hawk for many years. I just wanted to express my appreciation, thank you, guys, very much for making it possible for us to use the room and not only that for helping and doing so. Thank you very much.*

Garriss: *Thank you, we are glad to do it. It's our duty. Anyone else like to speak in Public Comment? About any topic? Let the record show no one else chose to speak. Chief Palkovics, I think our officer is here now.*

Palkovics: *Yes, he is. Mr. Mayor, Council Members, Ms. Manager, good evening. Thank you for this time, it is my pleasure to introduce you to our newest sworn Police Officer, Corey Cantrell Morris. Corey was born in Norfolk, Virginia and he has a twin brother who I understand is not quite as tall as Corey. Corey graduated from Northeastern High School in Elizabeth City where I believe he played basketball and then he attended Winston Salem University where he changed his sport*



to football and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Justice Studies. He has previously worked in the area working for Twiddy and Company and Moneysworth Beach Equipment. He graduated from Basic Law Enforcement Training Academy in December 2023 where he was the class president. I understand at some point in his training he was deemed to be considered the driver supreme, I am not sure what that is, but I saw that name attached to him in some way.

Palkovics: Corey was sworn in last Monday, February 26th by Mayor Garriss here. Due to time constraints, we had to get it in quickly and we were able to do that. Present were his wife Barbara and his mother Shirley Morris. He is now in field training with Sergeant Travis Hardman who I guess is still out on a call as I did not see him make it in here. That is the way things go right, he is supposed to be here for a meeting, and police work gets in the way, but we were able to adapt and overcome and made it happen. I was trying to find some stuff on Corey basically, so I went to his Facebook page. So BIG C posted a quote and this was after he was sworn in, "To the Town of Kitty Hawk, thank you for all the support you have shown me throughout this process. I promise you will be the best of me every day and as I stated yesterday, I will not let you down. My journey is just beginning, Officer Morris is here at your service." To say we are looking for big things from Corey probably be one of the biggest understatements I could make. It is my pleasure to introduce you to our newest sworn Police Officer in Kitty Hawk, Corey Morris.

Officer Corey Morris: I just want to thank the Town of Kitty Hawk for everything, investing in me to want to thank those I serve in the Town, like I said, I won't let you down.

Hines: I have a question.

Officer Corey Morris: Yes, sir.

Hines: If you ever have to have a talk with the new officer, are you going to stand on a desk?

Palkovics: I am going to stand on the platform out the back door, and he will stand in the parking lot, and then we will see eye to eye.

Garriss: Corey, we want to officially welcome you. You and I have known each other for a good while as I am involved in the training, law enforcement training. I can tell you Chief we take it seriously who we name as our class president and I can tell you it was not really much of a discussion. It was Corey Morris from the very beginning. We made the right decision. Corey, we look for big things, I said BIG things, didn't I? Thank you for being here, we have the best. All of our departments are great thank you for being here.

Officer Corey Morris: It was my pleasure, I am excited.



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Palkovics: *A great example of Corey's personality, how many six-foot-ten elves do you know of? He did so well at the Christmas Parade it was a great opportunity. To see kids who usually would be very intimidated.*

Walker, Charlotte: *All I can tell you is my four-year-old grandson assured me that you were in charge of all the elves. He knew.*

6. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Garriss: *Thank you, Corey, thank you Chief. Council with the Consent Agenda, I need a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda, please.*

Walker, Charlotte: *So, moved.*

Garriss: *Motion made by Charlotte. Second?*

Hines: *Second.*

Garriss: *Second made by David. All in favor?*

All Council: *Aye.*

7. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

Garriss: *All opposed? We had no items removed from the Consent Agenda.*

8. Planning

Garriss: *Planning. Council we need to set a public hearing for a special use permit and site plan 4907 and 4911 Putter Lane applicant proposes a new EMS Substation. Can I get a motion for a public hearing in that matter?*

Hines: *I will make a motion for a public hearing.*

Hines: *I will make a motion for the special use and site permit plan for 4907 and 4911 Putter Lane.*

Garriss: *At the April 1st, 2024, Council meeting?*

Hines: *Yes, sir.*

Garriss: *Okay, very good. Can I have a second?*



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Pruitt: *Second.*

Garriss: *Second made by Jeff. All in favor?*

All Council: *Aye.*

Garriss: *All opposed? No opposed. Text Amendment item 8b. Definition of minimum lot sizes, the applicant proposes a revised definition requiring all wetlands areas used to fulfill minimum lot size requirements to be contiguous. May I have a motion in that matter?*

Pruitt: *Mayor, I moved to set a public hearing at the Town Council Meeting on April the first 2024 to consider the proposed text amendment to the definition of minimum lot size in section 42-1 and then the relevant district regulations as noted in the Staff report.*

Garriss: Thank you, Jeff. Can I get a second?

Walker, Charlotte: *Second.*

Garriss: *Second by Charlotte. No further discussion. All in favor?*

All Council: *Aye.*

Garriss: *All opposed? No opposed. Thank you. Item 9, we have a presentation from Ms. Diane Midgett {1101 West Kitty Hawk Road}, if you are ready Ms. Midgett? How are you, ma'am?*

Midgett, Diane: *I have some pictures I wanted to go through.*

Midgett, Diane: *OK folks, this first picture, this is the bridge in 2008. This corner piece of the property, that is our property. That's what was all overgrown when my husband and I moved into the house in 2008. We started clearing all of this off. She was rough, but we worked on her and got her cleaned up. You can see how level she is with the road. And then, this is what we brought her to. We put a lot of time in. This is the ridge behind our house. Take a note how pretty and green, full and thick it was. This is down the canal. Here we start the construction of the bridge. This first part, this is the corrugated metal sheets of metal forty feet long. The part that went down along the side for the sidewalk. This is the bulkhead; this is directly in front of my house. That's how long it was. They had a machine that sits on top of it that just shakes that all the way down. Supposed to go straight down, but it did not always work. They would pull it in and pull it out it took quite a bit of work to get it all to go down. It was a really big ordeal. This is the pilings they are putting in. It takes 60 of those hits onto that piling to get it to go one foot. They had to take it from forty feet to eight. And there was 16 of those pilings. So that's a lot of pounding. That's a lot of sound. That was a lot of shaking and if you will notice each time it does that you see smoke from the top there. That's like diesel sludge, that stuff covered everything in sight. It*



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covered my entire house, roof, windows, plants. I lost all of my shrubs, my gardenias, rose bushes everything because it all got covered in that black. This is where you see, they had to keep one side of the road open while they were working on the other side of the bridge. There was two traffic lights on each side to stop traffic so it would be one-way traffic. We live right in the middle. We were in the middle of the two traffic lights, we never knew what color the light was unless there was until we saw a car go by and then we knew we were safe to pull out. It was crazy, it was very challenging to live through this construction. You will notice how much higher the road is, this is before they have even put the asphalt on this layer. This is of course Twiford Street, that's the curve going, the curve that goes, you have Twiford coming out right here at this corner where that little white church is sitting. That shows you how much higher that corner is and now you know when you go around that curve and you see that whole area there that is just underwater, the water has nowhere to go anymore, it's trapped there on that side. That's really high, that's a lot higher. And people always complained when it was going across the street there, what a pain in the neck it was, but water is going to travel to water and the water would go across the street to the other canal and continue on, but now it has nowhere to go so it stays trapped there. And I just want to show you again how this is my front yard, how level this is with the road, with the road that was here before. This is taking the road up, this picture here is actually been taken from my bedroom window. This is how close all of this was to my house. Then this is how the lane would come out while they were doing construction on the other lane. I had six trees across the front and I had a circular driveway. I no longer have the six trees or the circular driveway. That's the cars going up the one way. Now they are on my side, this picture is taken from my bedroom window. This is right in my yard. And you can see how high its being raised up. This is the four pilings on this side that were pounded down, again this was taken from my bedroom window. You can actually see the lock on my window right there at the bottom. I took the picture from my bedroom window; my house is 635 square feet. It's not a big house. Their trucks, utilities, everything was just right in my yard. They used my yard for whatever was needed. You can see again, this is from my bedroom window. My bedroom window, you can see the screen of the window. This is some pretty heavy equipment that was all over the yard and I was being told, we are going to take care of it, don't worry about it we are going to take care of it, everything is going to be fine. This is where they had the pipes. These pipes are part of the drainage and so forth. This is where they stored them while they were waiting to put them in the road. They stored everything right there on the yard on the corner. With that rain, the only place I could park my car was up on that ridge during that flooding while they were working. This is more flooding. The only thing I have is the trees. I had to carry my little dogs to the house cause this was the only dry spot in my yard. There is my back from the side, it's all underwater and this is what I got left with. This is the finished product of this bridge. This is when they finished it up and they pulled out. This is what they left me with. This is the drain that goes right straight into my front yard. There is the storm drains up here in the bridge that are piped down into that draining into my front yard and you can see how much higher that road is. All the trees are gone, there's my driveway. They did no grading no filling in of my land, you can see nothing was, that's what they left me with, and that part right up there, that is sand, you could not drive a vehicle on it cause you would sink. I could not even cut the grass, it would sink. It was absolutely a nightmare. You can see the storm drains there in the bridge, there's



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two of them that's what is piped into my front yard. That's my driveway my only driveway. And you can see how much higher the road is there. Now after two years, I got some grass to grow on there, that was how much I was able to maintain. You see all that weeds and brush and vines, that's what they planted. This is supposed to be my yard and that's what they gave me those weeds to look at out my window and see. They do not maintain that by the way, they are supposed to, but it's been four years they have yet to come and clean any of this. They do not maintain it period. Now here is the first real storm. This is my side yard, that's the canal there. Look at that mess. It took me another two years to get that cleaned off. That's where it just goes and stays under the house. My husband had started replacing the pilings, but then they came and told us they were going to start the bridge, so they advised him to stop doing that until they finished it, so he did. Unfortunately, he passed away with cancer right after they completed the bridge. So, he lived through all of this nightmare in that little house and he was so sick. Look at that, that's what NCDOT left in my yard, why would they do that? Here's your drain, lovely right? I have cleaned that. Now because all of that vines and everything that's there, when the rain was coming down the bridge it was just coming down the side, it wasn't going in there because it was coming down the path of least resistance and that's just straight down the side filling up my yard. That's what happens now. It comes down after go down the brush you will see where it just runs down off the bridge from the road down the side. You can see the little paths that it will take down the sides. And the storm drains clog, nothing going to go down those storm drains. So, then it runs down the bridge, down the road, down the side and there she goes and that will just eventually start filling up with water. It's pretty full today, I said what a day to come and talk about flooding right? You can see when we get the Northeast winds, that doesn't bother me, it's the west winds. It can be northwest, southwest, or just west and you see how deep it is. That is just rainwater. This is not a storm, it's just rainwater. This is the back; this is how it would flood out. That's my neighbor's trash can from her house it ends up in my back. This is the only place I can park my car, it's the end of the driveway because that's the highest point, everything else is completely underwater. My neighbor next door Heather Doyle, she wanted to be here tonight, but she had to work. She has never flooded before. Her yard is completely underwater. She has water on the other side of her too, it's just all coming in. The road was also raised in front of her house, not quite as high as mine. When they put the traffic lights in, the two traffic lights. They actually plugged into her electricity for the traffic light, she never received a dime for that. She was getting electric bills that were up to \$300, and this is a single mother putting girls through college and a cancer survivor and they stuck her with electric bills. This went on for several months.

Walker, Charlotte: *They stuck her, whose they?*

Midgett, Diane: *NCDOT.*

Hines: *I have a comment on that as well, so did she ever reach out to the DOT on that?*

Midgett, Diane: *They reached out to her and told her that they were going to take care of it, which they did not.*



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Hines: *Was there any follow-up?*

Midgett, Diane: *The minute they pulled out, they were done. Casey will tell you, you could not get in contact with them. They did not want to discuss anything period and they put every block up that they thought they could do. This has changed the landscape of not just my home because when mine goes down, hers is going to go down. The next one is the street with six houses, before you get to Corinda Lane, it's going to be a domino effect. I will show you what else is going on here.*

Garriss: *Show us another picture, Miss Midgett. Keep going, we need to keep going through these slides.*

Midgett, Diane: *That's my back, that's the whole thing. This is them; those pictures are December last year excuse me, December the year before last. This is this past December. This is where Heather had to park her car up on the hill here cause there was no more place for her to park. It continues coming in and you can see that whole area that is between our two houses is completely over and her yard is completely under water too. This is showing the back, this is just the other day that rainstorm we had a couple of days ago and you can see where it starts coming up to fill up to the road, same thing. This is my back; this is that part that was so pretty and green. I now have an inlet coming through. The other day, this is the storm from just a few days ago and the wind just blows it right through the ridge that is just behind my house now. That ridge is almost gone. I promise you in two years it will be gone. It will be completely gone. There's your storm drains, this is a couple of days ago. This is that ridge now. What was so pretty and green and flourishing with wildlife. We have watched the eagles and the herons and cranes, you name it we have had it, we don't anymore, not like we did. This is not a storm I took this yesterday; this is what this looks like now. This is so sad. That's my property, so what is green on this map is State. What I thought was Coastal Preservation or Coastal Reserve that is not how it is zoned, that is not how it is listed by the State, but it is also VR-1, which is low density correct? Everything you see outlined in red, this is everything the State owns or that is deeded to the State. Everything that is south of here from my house is deeded as this VR-1 low density. This is always going underwater too, and nothing is being done about this. I have asked questions why can't we dredge and put some of that back on the ridges, wouldn't that help to build them back up, no they would not do that but my question is .*

Walker, Charlotte: *You are still talking about DOT, right?*

Midgett, Diane: *Yes, but this gets into dredging and what I talked to Jeff about before is putting it back over into the ridge are we dealing with CAMA, who are we dealing with then?*

Hines: *If you have black needle grass you are going to be dealing with CAMA. If there is black needle grass, as a wetland area. That's going to be CAMA grass.*



Midgett, Dianne: *But I think it's got to be addressed. At some point, we are seeing all of this just going underwater. It is literally going underwater. We have got to address it somehow, work with the state or whatever, need somebody to go to Raleigh I will go.*

Walker, Charlotte: *That's where you need to be, in Raleigh.*

Hines: *I agree.*

Midgett, Diane: *I am talking to somebody about this because what we are dealing with, and if you look at this, it really surprised me cause look at how deep. I think it was 2018, I am sure it has been longer but when they came to us in 2018 and told us the bridge was going to be built and they actually, somebody when they did the zoning, they did not do it correctly. So, they came and looked. We actually owned three...*

Hines: *Who is they with the zoning?*

Midgett, Diane: *I don't know who they said did the zoning, but whoever they said did the zoning was supposed to go from the center lane 15 feet, and they went center lane 12. So, they wanted to come back and they took the three feet they said was theirs and that's probably up the hill that is high.*

Walker, Charlotte: *There is no question you have been wronged, there is no question that you have a situation, but you need to be in Raleigh making this presentation.*

Hines: *I agree.*

Walker, Charlotte: *I don't know what we can do about this, but Raleigh can. This is a State matter.*

Garriss: *This is NCDOT matter, not a Town of Kitty Hawk matter, hold on let me tell you where we are. I know you have worked hard, and you got some great pictures there that tell a lot. This council, I have personally signed letters to three different people. I met with the Town Manager this morning at 10 o'clock. We have not heard anything since then, right Melody?*

Clopton: *No.*

Midgett, Diane: *They have been around.*

Garriss: *Our next step on your behalf is, again this is not a Town issue. This is NCDOT I want to make that clear, and make sure everybody knows that. On your behalf, we are going to contact Regional board of Directors, Allen Moran, (NCDOT Board Member for our region) if we hear nothing from him and we are going higher on your behalf.*



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Midgett, Diane: *Thank you.*

Garriss: *That is what everybody Charlotte and David just said. You need to be going to Raliegh with these pictures. I hear your concerns, we all do. We have discussed your concerns but there is nothing this Town can do.*

Midgett, Diane: *My point though is I want to make sure you understand this is what happened, so for future reference or *if* anything pops up about this information you know what you are dealing with.*

Hines: *We cannot stop them in the future either, they are working inside of easements.*

Garriss: *They are doing their job ma'am.*

Hines: *Whether it is right or wrong we cannot go in there and tell the state to stop working on a bridge.*

Midgett, Diane: *Oh no, look we were the ones that reported the bridge, we were the ones who kept saying you need to come fix this thing. This looks bad, we are 100% in agreement that the bridge needed to be replaced, it was extremely unsafe. That's not the point. The point is, you can't come in and make that kind of big improvement, and it was, and not affect everything around it and it did. It changed the landscape of stuff. But, as far as I want the Town to be aware of is how this is happening, and we need to be more diligent when they are doing things within our Town limits that we can have some kind of control about when it comes to our residents. First thing I did when they started pulling this stuff in our yard. The very first thing I did was go to the Mayor, and it was Mayor Perry and I said, are you aware that this is going on? This is in your Town, this is within Town limits, and I am a citizen here, are you aware that this is going on? And that's when he said, "you know this doesn't look all kosher like it should be, let's check into it." And that's when he said Jet's get in touch with the Town attorney and let's see what we can do and that's where I went with it.*

Garriss: *Once again, you are talking to the wrong people. I am trying to be just as polite as I can because I don't want you to waste your time when you need to be talking to somebody with the State. Those pictures you got are wonderful, you have worked hard. Let us reach out to the representative Allen Moran {NCDOT Board Member for our region} *if* don't hear anything we will go higher than that on your behalf and I promise you we will keep you involved in everything we do and let you know what's going on.*

Midgett, Diane: *That's what I need, that's what I am asking for.*



Garriss: *Jeff went, trust Jeff I believe every word he says. He said there is definitely an issue there but I do not know how to fix it.*

Hines: *I have been by there as well.*

Garriss: *I think we all have, so let us work on that for you.*

Midgett, Diane: *I greatly appreciate that, that's what I need you to do for me. I have felt like I have been sitting there for the last couple of years just with no hope, no hope of what's going on with this and I am drowning out there. When I go down, it's going to be a domino effect.*

Garriss: *Can we get on that tomorrow morning Melody?*

Clopton: *Absolutely.*

Garriss: *Thank you.*

Clopton: *You are welcome.*

Walker, Charlotte: *I am happy you put a handrail on your stairs, I was worried about you going up and down the stairs.*

Midgett, Diane: *Well and I would like to get a front porch back, we had a front porch taken off. That was the thing the state, that NCDOT was going to do. They were going to put our front porch back on, they were going to grade our yard, raise the front up where it was, and they did nothing.*

Walker, Charlotte: *Get it in writing next time.*

Midgett, Diane: *This is the last part I just want to share this with you all. This is very nice. This is the nice thing you need to know about. After the bridge was built, some little boys went under there and did some of their four-letter words. The Kayak companies got together, hired some local artists that came in that did some beautiful work underneath the bridge. Now that is one side of it, which I can look out my bedroom window and see. I told them if you want my blessing you need to put something on that bridge that pertains to my husband to pay respect and in his memory. There's my husband.*

Garriss: *That's great.*

Midgett, Diane: *This is a combination of this picture which was in the local McDonald's for years and years. This is Granddaddy that's his truck old Maude and that's his dory. The house that I am living in was his, so it is a combination of that picture and my husband playing the guitar. And they put him on the bridge. The other part of it is down here, they are still coming back to finish it up.*



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So, this part down here is Bodi Island and the boat the dory, and everything so that was the one highlight of that bridge. If you want to go see it, please you are more than welcome to come into my yard and look at it, it is really great.

Midgett, Diane: *Thank you so much.*

Garriss: *Thank you, Ms Midgett. Council we have no new business, Town Manager, Miss Melody?*

11. Town Manager Report

Clopton: *I am happy to report that the invitation to bid on the police station project was posted on Friday. We are going to have a pre-bid meeting on March 21st. And then a bid opening will take place on March 22nd. We are looking forward to getting through this process.*

Garriss: *Thank you.*

Clopton: *In relation to Ms. Midgett, and she is aware she has received copies of the letters. We have reached out to three different eastern regional highway engineers and so forth and we have not heard anything from them. There is no response at this time.*

Midgett, Diane: *Ms. Midgett indicated they had been around taking pictures.*

Clopton: *Maybe that's promising, but we will get another letter out. As far as Ivey lane goes, we did send out an electronic survey. We sent out fifteen surveys to the affected area and we received nine responses. There were several questions brought forward and I am waiting for John Delucia to respond to those questions and then we will go from there. We have a community Trash Collection Event coming up on Saturday, March 9th Debbie Swick has been really integral in getting this going and helping us with this. It is called Keep it Clean Kitty Hawk. It will begin here on Saturday at 10 am and we have quite a few volunteers, but we can always use more. We will dispatch people to certain areas, and we have contacted local businesses for parking, thank you to Casey's office for letting us park in your parking lot.*

Varnell: *No problem.*

Clopton: *Once we complete our clean-up we are going to have a celebratory lunch here at the Town Hall. We have a lot of businesses donating for that, Jessica has been coordinating all that for us. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Town Hall or you can register on the Town's website. Debbie told me the weather is going to be beautiful. We are hoping the report we see currently is incorrect, but we will be monitoring the situation. If we have to reschedule or change, we will. We have everybody's email, and we will also post it on our social media if we do have to reschedule, that is all I have.*

12. Town Attorney



Garriss: *Casey?*

Varnell: *Nothing Mayor.*

13. Town Council

Garriss: *Council? Town Council, David?*

Hines: *I have nothing this evening.*

Garriss: *Wonderful, Dylan?*

Dylan: *I just want to welcome Officer Morris and thank him for his service to Kitty Hawk. I don't know if it was just me or not, but I have heard a lot of sirens over the past month, and every time I look out there's a police officer or a fire truck, and just want to say thanks to all those folks who keep us safe and work so hard for us while we get to enjoy the services, I just appreciate them it just cannot be said enough. That is all I have.*

Garriss: *Thank you, Dylan. Jeff?*

Pruitt: *Just the same thing, welcome Officer Morris to the force and I hope he just stays safe.*

Garriss: *Charlotte?*

Walker, Charlotte: *I am good.*

Garriss: *Thank Charlotte. This past Saturday it came around pretty quickly a delegation from Germany contacted us and wanted to go to our Icarus Monument that is behind the rest area. I met them Saturday Morning past at 10 o'clock, no it was 11:30 wasn't it? I had a few apprehensions, but I will tell you I left that meeting so positive and feeling so good. Chief Palkovics his department showed up, Chief Talley and his staff showed up with the fire truck and they were bragging about the new fire truck. I gave the guy some Kitty Hawk Hats and they wanted to take pictures and if you saw any pictures on Facebook, they had their Kitty Hawk Hats on. It was a wonderful experience. They were in Charlotte on some business, and they said since they were so close they wanted to see where the Wright Brothers was. We are a long ways from Charlotte, but it's closer than from here to Germany I am sure. Between me talking, Chief Palkovics, Chief Talley came up to me at the end and they said they were very aware of how proud we were of our Town of Kitty Hawk, and I said we are. We love it, I cannot brag enough about our Town, and it was obvious to them, we all left there with a very positive attitude. After they had lunch, they went to the Wright Brothers Memorial to tour that site. It was just a wonderful experience. My question the whole time, what does Germany have to do with this? I think Germany was involved in making*



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some of the engines, early engines so that is how they are involved. I cannot tell you what it meant to me and to everybody that was present in this Town, it was very positive. Ms. Midgett, we are going to do what we can for you. Thank you for coming, you are always polite and understanding, and thank you for that. Thank you to the staff, thank you to the Council, with the rain I wish you could see my front yard right now Ms. Midgett mine is bad too, but it always is. Anything else Council? All right, I am going to make a motion that we recess until March 19, 2024, for a budget workshop, 9:00 am at Kitty Hawk Fire Department, Kitty Hawk North Carolina, do I have a second?

Hines: *Second.*

Garriss: *Second, all in favor?*

All Council: *Aye.*

Garriss: *We are recessed, thank you everyone.*

The Minutes of the March 4, 2024, Kitty Hawk Town Council Meeting are approved at the April 1, 2024, Kitty Hawk Town Council Meeting.




D.ig Garriss, Mayor