

# Transfer Station

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## INTRODUCTION

On July 21, 2022, the town clerk noted a brief report submitted by the transfer station attendant. Click for the [written report](#). ([Agenda](#), [Audio](#), [Minutes](#))

## CHRONOLOGY

The following chronology highlights items presented in minutes of Town Board meetings since 2011. The official documents are available on request through the Town Clerk.

**December 7, 2011.** Minutes of the town board meeting on December 7, 2011 include the following statement ([Agenda](#), [Minutes](#)). Italics added,

*Mr. Gaulke would like to put together a bid/proposal form to get bids/proposals for haulers at the transfer station. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Christensen to obtain bids/proposals for waste hauling. Motion carried.*

**January 4, 2012.** Minutes of the town board meeting on January 4, 2012 include the following statement ([Agenda](#), [Minutes](#)). Italics added,

*Two proposals/bids were presented for waste hauling, one from Veolia Environmental Services and one from Eagle Waste & Recycling, Inc. Motion by Mr. Christensen, seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to table any decision until the February 1, 2012 meeting to have time to review the proposals. Motion carried.*

**February 1, 2012.** Minutes of the town board meeting on January 4, 2012 include the following statement ([Agenda](#), [Minutes](#)). Italics added,

*Proposals for waste hauling were received from Veolia Environmental Services totaling \$13,499.71 with rebates of an estimated \$4422.91 totaling \$9076.80. Eagle Waste & Recycling, Inc. proposal was \$9845.02. After brief discussion the board commented on that rebates are not really something that can be counted on, therefore bringing the Eagle Waste & recycling Inc. proposal coming in at a lower rate. Eagle Waste will have to modify the containers at the transfer station and that was included in their proposal. Motion by Mr. Christensen to accept the Eagle Waste Inc. proposal not to exceed a two year agreement, seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck. Motion carried. Mr. Gaulke will contact Eagle Waste requesting that the board discussed the agreement would be no longer than 2 years and if for some reason a special pick up was needed would Eagle Waste fulfill that request.*

**March 21, 2012.** Minutes of the town board meeting on March 21, 2012 include the following statement ([Agenda](#), [Minutes](#)). Italics added,

*Eagle Waste sent us a monthly contract which was requested by our insurance company and it was based on the previous proposal. Also included is a copy of their certificate of Insurance. Motion by Mr. Christensen seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to accept the contract as presented. Motion carried.*

**September 5, 2012.** Minutes of the town board meeting on September 5, 2012 include the following statement ([Agenda](#), [Minutes](#)). Italics added,

*Mr. Gaulke reported on a letter received from Eagle Waste that 2 of our receiver boxes are in need of repair. The repairs can be done at the cost of \$3560.00 or new boxes could be purchased for \$7000.00 each. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Christensen to approve the repair of the receiver boxes. Motion carried.*

**October 17, 2012.** Minutes of the town board meeting on October 17, 2012 include the following statement ([Agenda](#), [Minutes](#)). Italics added,

*Pete Jacobsen turned in a slip from Eagle Waste & Recycling with the recommendation that two of the yard compactors be refurbished. They stated that upon inspection both compactors appear to be in good shape and not leaking. They are suggesting that they be blasted, primed and painted and some cosmetic improvement be made along with some fabrication that should be done on the cover. The cost to haul, repair and paint the trash compactor is 2750.00. The cost to haul, repair and paint the spare compactor is 1974.50. They would give us a \$300.00 discount if both units are refurbished. They also suggest that the hydraulic oil be replaced at the cost of \$407.00 each unit. Motion by Mr. Christensen seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to put these refurbishing projects on hold until the 2013 budget funds are available. Motion carried. The clerk will send a short note to Eagle Waste regarding this issue.*

**February 5, 2014.** Minutes of the town board meeting on February 5, 2014 include the following statement ([Agenda](#), [Minutes](#)). Italics added,

*Mr. Gaulke reported that he had spoken with Eagle Waste and they are very happy with how the new equipment at the Transfer Station is working. The compactors are in and required some electrical work to bring them up to full capacity. Mr. Gaulke reported that he has received several comments that it seems much more streamline and safer to use the transfer station by removing the old recycling bins. Transfer station attendant Pete Jacobsen has been doing a wonderful job and with saying that Mr. Gaulke suggested that a wage increase of \$1.00 per hour be added to that salary. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the wage increase. Motion carried. This wage increase will be absorbed under the 2014 budget line item: Transfer Station Maintenance Labor.*

**March 4, 2015.** Minutes of the town board meeting on March 4, 2015 include the following statement ([Agenda](#), [Minutes](#)). Italics added,

*Pete Jacobsen attendant at the transfer station came to the board with the request that because of the high cost of metal now Eagle Waste does not charge the town for the metal recycling and he would like to see the savings passed onto the customers (residents). He is seeking permission from the board to stop charging residents for items placed in the scrap metal container. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to eliminate the charge for metal items at the transfer station. If the charges change from Eagle Waste Pete can inform the board and he can reinstate the charging procedure. Motion carried. Mrs. Schwanebeck would like to have Pete post some type of signage stating currently there is no charge for the metal box scrap.*

**December 2, 2015.** Minutes of the town board meeting on December 2, 2015 include the following statement ([Agenda](#), [Minutes](#)). Italics added,

*Jim Whittinghill from Eagle Waste was present for today's meeting and thanked the board for working with Eagle Waste. He explained to the board that due the decline in recycling market which is at a historic lows Eagle Waste is finding it necessary to charge fees for recycling pick up. He estimated the average pick up fee to be about \$275.00. In 2014 we had 17 recycle pick-ups. He suggested we try to maximize our loads as much as possible. The charge will begin with the January 2016 billing. Mr. Whittinghill explained they tried expanding service to the area with working with the tribe with the casino and housing but that just did not work out. The board thanked Mr. Whittinghill for the update. No action needed.*

**June 5, 2019,** the Town Board approved a multi-year contract with [Eagle Waste & Recycling, Inc.](#) regarding hauling waste from the transfer station ([Agenda](#), [Audio](#), [Minutes](#)). Minutes of the meeting include the following statement, italics added.

*Jim Whittinghill from Eagle waste & Recycling, Inc. presented to the board the service agreement with Eagle Waste. He thanked the board for their prior service with Eagle Waste. The agreement is for 60 months and shall automatically renew for 12 month periods unless notified in writing. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Gaulke to approve the service agreement. Motion carried.*

**December 4, 2019.** On December 4, 2019, the Town Board discussed that the Tribe will no longer pay for the disposal of certain hazardous waste materials left at the Town's Transfer Station ([Agenda](#), [Audio](#), [Minutes](#)). The situation is explained in the minutes of the meeting, italics added.

*Pete Jacobsen transfer station attendant stated that the hazardous wastes are picked up by a company called Retrofit several times a year. These include batteries, televisions/monitors, ballasts, fluorescent lamps, bulbs etc. This program was set up years ago when Gene Cizek was the attendant. The bill was always paid by the LDF tribe. In November Pete received an email from Retrofit & Dee Ann Allen stating the LDF tribe will no longer be paying for these disposals. Attached was also 2 bills, one from 6/27/19 \$1176.90 and one bill from 9/9/19 for \$505.75 for the town to pay. Most of the hazardous wastes that are brought to the transfer station originate from tribal entities. Pete feels we have two choices. Either charge for these items as they come in, or refer them to the Oneida County landfill hazardous site who would also charge.*

*Gloria Cobb is going to check with Dee Ann Allen to see if she will provide us with some more information and also into the policies for Advance Disposal for these items and what the charges are. Direction was given to the clerk to pay the two bills submitted and at this time we are going to table this item until more information is received from Gloria. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Gloria Cobb to continue taking the hazardous material at this time and pay the bills that were submitted, and this will be put on a future agenda. Motion carried.*

**January 29, 2020.** On January 29, 2020, the Town Board continued discussing recyclables and waste deposited at the Transfer Station ([Agenda](#), [Audio](#), [Minutes](#)).

**April 9, 2020.** On April 9, 2020, the Town Board temporarily raised the hourly wage of the Transfer Station Attendant from \$17.14 to \$23.92 in recognition of the Covid 19 hazard associated with the position. The board said it would revisit the situation in three months ([Agenda](#), [Audio](#), [Minutes](#)).

**September 2, 2020.** On September 2, 2020 Town officials renewed the increase for ninety days and extended it to any employee who works at the station. Moreover, the benefit is retroactive for any employee who has been working at the station without having received the benefit ([Agenda](#), [Audio](#), [Minutes](#)).

**December 9, 2020.** On December 9, 2020, town officials renewed the COVID hazard pay for employees who work at the Transfer Station and, following a presentation by a representative of Eagle Waste & Recycling, approved an increase of \$20/ton (about \$4,000/year) for the disposing of recyclables ([Agenda](#), [Audio](#), [Minutes](#)). Click to read a [document](#) presented to the board by Eagle Waste regarding the increase.

**March 3, 2021.** Following a presentation on recycling by resident Jim Sommerfeldt on March 3, 2021, the Town Board, decided to continue the discussion at a future board meeting ([Agenda](#), [Audio](#), [Minutes](#)). The minutes of the meeting include the following statement.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION: RECYCLING JIM SOMMERFELDT**

Jim Sommerfeldt demonstrated the recycling numbers on several items. Concern is that Eagle Waste is only accepting #1 and #2; with an unknown date for #3-#7. Board discussion to invite Eagle Waste to attend a future board meeting to clarify their process and charges.

**March 17, 2021.** On March 17, 2021, the Town Board discussed two items related to the Transfer Station ([Agenda](#), [Audio](#), [Minutes](#)). This followed a presentation to the board on recycling by resident Jim Sommerfeldt on March 3, 2021, when the Town Board decided to continue the discussion at a future board meeting ([Agenda](#), [Audio](#), [Minutes](#)).

The minutes of the meeting on March 17 include the following statement.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Transfer Station Retrofit Charges:** Pete Jacobsen wanted this item on the agenda. He is asking the board to review what we are being charged from Retrofit. Retrofit currently picks up our batteries/fluorescent bulbs/light bulbs and ballasts. We do not currently charge for these items. Pete said the fees charged by Retrofit are mounting. After discussion Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Supervisor Mayer to continue accepting these items but to charge for these items using the same fee schedule as what Advance Disposal is using. Motion carried.

**Eagle Waste recycling procedures:** This item was placed on the agenda as a result of the recycling demonstration at the last board meeting regarding recyclables. Apparently recyclables #'s 1-7 are accepted by Eagle Waste but they are only able to recycle #'s 1-2. They have no place to take recyclables 3-7 so they get bundled up and go to the landfill. Mr. Whittinghill from Eagle Waste stated there is currently no place to take #'s 3-7. After discussion it was decided that Pete Jacobsen will continue to have all recyclables # 1-7 put in the recyclable bin and processed as what Eagle Waste is currently doing.

**April 5, 2021.** On April 5, 2021, the Town Board extended hazard pay for the employees working at the Transfer Station for the next three months ([Agenda](#), [Audio](#), [Minutes](#)).