

**City of Nashwauk**  
**Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission**  
**January 20, 2026**

Chairman Latvala called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Nashwauk City Hall.

**Members present:** Chairman Milt Latvala, Commissioner Tom Martire, Commissioner Brian Ekholm, Commissioner Mike Anderson.

**Members absent:** Commissioner Mark Marinaro.

**Also present:** John Jamnick, April Kurtock, Joe Peterson.

**Adoption of Agenda**

\*Motion by Commissioner Martire, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adopt the agenda of the January 20, 2026, Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission meeting, with the addition of the bucket truck inspection and prices, an update on Keewatin's request for Dem-Con to connect to the wastewater facility, and discussion regarding whether a commissioner can attend a meeting remotely.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

\*Motion by Commissioner Martire, seconded by Commissioner Ekholm to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2025, Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission meeting.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

**Approval of Claims**

\*Motion by Commissioner Ekholm, seconded by Commissioner Martire to approve the claims and file the claims register as official record.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

**East Itasca Joint Sewer Project Update**

As follow-up from the previous meeting, the Commission discussed the opportunity that Nashwauk would have regarding selling excess capacity within the existing wastewater permit, as Nashwauk had 135,000 gallons per day built in its permit. The addition of Mesabi Metallics reduced that excess and the Commission also acknowledged that development of the 80-acre Bozich Addition needed to be considered. Engineer Jamnick said that the average household consumes around 250 gallons per day. The Commission discussed how much of the excess they were willing to sell, as they also needed to leave comfortable space for future expansion. Nashwauk and Lone Pine Township needed to discuss a plan to make sure that there was a process for those in Greenway and Goodland Townships to connect properly.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Street Utility Project Update**

Nashwauk received correspondence from Congressman Stauber's office that the House passed legislation that included the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street project with funding of \$1,061,000. However, the Senate needed to pass the bill, and it needed to be sent to the President's desk for signature.

**Joe Peterson Updates**

Joe Peterson provided an overview of items that he has been working on with Mesabi Metallica. The relay testing was currently being performed.

**Draft Meter Policy**

Joe Peterson and Commissioner Ekholm worked on a meter policy and presented a draft for the Commission's consideration. Ekholm said he wanted the Commission to establish the point at which the owner became responsible and he advocated that it be at the top of the weather head. The Commission agreed with that recommendation. After they provided their input, Ekholm said he would continue working with Joe Peterson and bring back a final draft for the Commission's consideration at their March meeting.

**Remote Attendance**

April Kurtoek said that per LMC, meetings may be conducted by interactive technology if the following requirements are met: at least one member is physically present at the regular meeting location and notice is provided of that location; all members must be able to hear and see each other and all discussion and testimony presented at any location at which at least one member is present; all members of the public at the regular meeting location must be able to hear and see all discussion, testimony, and votes of all the members; all votes are conducted by roll call so each member's vote can be identified and recorded; the minutes must reflect the names of any members appearing by interactive television technology and state the reason for it.

Commissioner Ekholm requested to be able to connect remotely for the February meeting, as he would be out of the Country.

**Adjourn**

\*Motion by Commissioner Martire, seconded by Chairman Latvala to adjourn at 2:34 p.m.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

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Secretary