

City of Nashwauk
Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission
October 21, 2025

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 Mike Anderson, Commissioner Brian Ekholm.

Members absent: Commissioner Mark Marinaro.

Also present: April Kurtock, Lance Hopke, John Jamnick.

Adoption of Agenda

*Motion by Commissioner Ekholm, seconded by Chairman Latvala to adopt the agenda of the October 21, 2025, Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission meeting.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

*Motion by Commissioner Martire, seconded by Chairman Latvala to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2025, Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission meeting.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Approval of Claims

*Motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Ekholm 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

There was no meeting today for the East Itasca Joint Sewer Board.

The Commission reviewed Change Order No. 25 for the wastewater treatment project, which increases the contract amount by \$113,262.81 and would provide a splitter manhole pump for an inlet structure, which would allow flow from Keewatin to be pumped to one of the original ponds so that the testing equipment in the inlet structure could be maintained. The Commission extensively discussed the differences between the change order details versus adding valves to the inlet structures that would divert the wastewater from Keewatin to original pond #1. The Commission expressed a preference for installation of valves for diversion because they would be longer lasting versus purchasing a pump that would need frequent maintenance and replacement. The testing equipment that is in the inlet structure is also too low, so it would be raised higher in the structure. The Commission asked Engineer Jamnick to bring the valve option forward instead as a change order.

3rd Street Utility Project Update

No update.

Water Tower Restoration

The Commission requested some options for the next meeting regarding proposed water rate increases to pay for the estimated \$600,000 in water tower restoration costs.

New Business

Depreciation Savings Transfers

*Motion by Commissioner Ekholm, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the transfer of \$250,000 from the Mesabi Metallics depreciation savings account to the NPUC Electric Savings account, per the facilities transfer agreement.

Ayes: all present. Motion approved.

*Motion by Commissioner Ekholm, seconded by Chairman Latvala to approve the transfer of \$331,084.43 from Mesabi Metallics depreciation savings account to the 910 fund within the general checking account to cover claims expensed in 2024-2025 for Mesabi Metallics expenses that have gone through the 910 fund.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Bucket Truck

There were two quotes for bucket trucks in the packet; however, Commissioner Ekholm said he struggled with the quotes because they were both from the same company. He suggested obtaining a quote from Duluth Rental, as the company typically had used bucket trucks for sale.

Adjourn

*Motion by Commissioner Ekholm, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adjourn at 2:06 p.m.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Secretary