

City of Nashwauk
Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission
March 17, 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 entered the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Members absent: Commissioner Mark Marinaro.

Also present: John Jamnick, April Kurtock, Jason Martire.

Adoption of Agenda

*Motion by Commissioner Martire, seconded by Commissioner Ekholm to adopt the agenda of the March 17, 2026, 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 February 17, 2026, 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

John Jamnick shared that Lone Pine Township will be holding a Special Meeting on March 18 to pick a due date for bids for the project. Commissioner Ekholm asked about the County resolution within the packet, which provided an extension for sewer upgrades for people within the project area. The County's resolution also provided relief to people in Greenway and Goodland Townships, but they are not within the scope of the Lone Pine project. The Commission discussed the excess capacity within the Nashwauk permit. Engineer Jamnick said that the early fall of 2026 would be the earliest that someone could connect from Lone Pine Township, but realistically next year. Commissioner Anderson shared details from his perspective of how people would connect in Lone Pine. Every connection would need to be addressed individually, as setup of each property is unique. He said that anyone in Greenway and Goodland Townships would need to pay 100% for their projects. Lone Pine residents will be funded in full by the project funds, with the exception that they have to pay to bring their sewer line to the pump. If people don't connect to the system during the project, then they'll need to connect later at their own expense. Commissioner Anderson said the bids need to be to the PFA by June 1st. Easement applications went out to all the Lone Pine property owners. Also, most households will share a grinder pump. If someone doesn't want to share a grinder pump, there will be a cost for that as it runs outside the project parameters. Commissioner Anderson said that Lone Pine has also discussed the capacity within their own allocation of the permit. He said that it could take years for everyone to connect and during that time, they considered selling their capacity to Greenway and Goodland Township residents.

3rd Street Utility Project Update

Nashwauk had received notification about the grant from the EPA over a month ago and was told someone would reach out within a few weeks. No one has reached out. Also, the application to the PFA was amended for the 3rd Street project for funding in 2027.

New Business

MMUA Training

*Motion by Commissioner Ekholm, seconded by Commissioner Martire to approve Kristina Tunink to attend the Distributed Energy Resources technical specification training hosted by MMUA in Grand Rapids, MN on April 27, 2026; cost of \$950.00.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Adjourn

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

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Secretary