

City of Nashwauk
Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission
May 20, 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.

Members absent: Commissioner Mark Marinaro, Commissioner Brian Ekholm.

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

Adoption of Agenda

*Motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Martire to adopt the agenda of the May 20, 2025, Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission meeting.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

*Motion by Commissioner Martire, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2025, Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission meeting.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Approval of Claims

*Motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Chairman Latvala 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 not a quorum at the East Itasca Joint Sewer Board meeting held earlier that day, but the attending members received an update from Community Resource Development. The project needs a bonding bill to be passed, and if that happens, it would be a 2026 project. Commissioner Anderson noted there was a meeting scheduled for May 22 with the IRRRB Commissioner and legislative leaders, but it was cancelled because they didn't finish their session. Jamnick noted that change order information had not been received yet from the contractor. A grant extension request was submitted, but no confirmation had been received from PFA yet.

3rd Street Utility Project Update

John Jamnick said that the IUP request for the CWRF and DWRF are due next Friday.

Water Tower Restoration

The water tower restoration project is estimated to be a 2028 project with an estimated cost of \$600,000. Commissioner Martire stated that money needed to be set aside for this project. The Commission discussed rate increases. Administrator/Clerk Kurtock said she would bring a rate increase for consideration forward to the next meeting.

Joe Peterson Updates

Joe Peterson said when a powerline came down a few weeks ago, the line crew patched and spliced the line again, but the wire is brittle, so breaks will continue to happen. He presented a quote from Border States for ACSR Wire and OH secondary for on-hand repairs. The wire would work well for a span replacement in the future, too. He suggested replacing the problematic span of wire and if the Commission wanted him to work on that. He noted that electrical poles will need to be replaced, too, as they will need to be taller to accommodate the needs of the span. The Commission had purchased many electrical poles last year in anticipation of future needs. The Commission agreed to have Joe Peterson look at the problematic area and come up with a replacement proposal.

*Motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Martire to purchase the ACSR wire and OH secondary from Border States in the amount of \$5,405.73.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

New Business

Indemnification Agreement

There was an indemnification agreement drafted for substation relays between Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission and Mesabi Metallics Company, LLC. Joe Peterson shared that Mesabi Metallics doesn't own the breakers, but they're dedicated for their purposes, so they need to set them up for how they'll operate, even though Nashwauk owns them. The agreement covers Nashwauk for liability and Mesabi Metallics take ownership of the issue if something goes wrong. The document has been reviewed by attorneys of both parties.

*Motion by Commissioner Martire, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the indemnification agreement for substation relays between Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission and Mesabi Metallics Company, LLC.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Joe Peterson provided an update for electrical related items happening at Mesabi Metallics and their power needs. They will be using the Calumet substation soon. He noted there was a meeting earlier today to outline upcoming activities. Regarding the 4kv issue, Mesabi Metallics figured the remedy would happen in July.

Adjourn

*Motion by Commissioner Martire, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adjourn at 1:45 p.m.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Secretary