

City of Nashwauk
Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission
June 17, 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 Mark Marinaro, Commissioner Brian Ekholm, Commissioner Mike Anderson.

Members absent: Commissioner Tom Martire.

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

Adoption of Agenda

*Motion by Commissioner Marinaro, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adopt the agenda of the June 18, 2025, Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission meeting.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

*Motion by Chairman Latvala, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2025, Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission meeting.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Approval of Claims

*Motion by Commissioner Marinaro, 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

With the bonding bill passed, and assuming the Lone Pine Project is listed on the 2026 Intended Use Plan, then the Lone Pine Township project could happen in 2026.

3rd Street Utility Project Update

At this time, funding amounts for the 3rd Street project, if any were approved through the passing of the bonding bill, are unknown.

Joe Peterson Updates

Joe Peterson provided two options for repairs for the electrical line that runs in the alley between the 3rd and 4th Street. Option one was a rebuilding option and would take about two weeks and cost about \$115-125,000. Option two would be a reconductoring option and would take two days and cost around \$25-\$35,000.

*Motion by Commissioner Ekholm, seconded by Commissioner Marinaro to approve the reconductoring option for the alley between 3rd and 4th Street, with an estimated cost of \$25,000-\$35,000.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Joe Peterson noted that the federal grant he was working on was cancelled. It may be republished under the new administration's priorities.

New Business

Pump Maintenance Agreement

*Motion by Commissioner Ekholm, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve a pump maintenance agreement with Minnesota Pump Works for 6 pumps and the grinder for a fee of \$2,290.25 per year, electing to opt into the three-year service agreement with guaranteed pricing.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Commissioner Marinaro requested a report on the average gallons of water and sewer use per month.

*Motion by Commissioner Marinaro, seconded by Commissioner Ekholm to request a profit and loss statement for water, sewer, garbage, and electric for the next meeting.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Non-Compliant Meter

*Motion by Commissioner Ekholm, seconded by Commissioner Marinaro to issue a letter to the property owner of 113 2nd Street stating that the electrical meters within the building needed to be in compliance within 30 days or they were subject to disconnection; compliance defined as the meter base needed to be able to receive a current AMI meter and the meters all needed to be installed on the outside of the building following the current electrical code.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

It was noted that the building at 113 2nd Street was also listed for sale and the Commission noted the importance of any future owner needing to be aware of the repair order.

*Motion by Commissioner Marinaro, seconded by Commissioner Ekholm to issue notice to any future owner of 113 2nd Street that upon transfer of this account, the new owner would have 30 days to comply with getting the meters within the building in compliance as defined in the previous motion.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Deering Manor Water & Sewer

*Motion by Commissioner Ekholm, seconded by Chairman Latvala establishing that effective July 1, 2026, the Deering Manor property owners will be responsible for water and sewer charges for the whole building, establishing an EDU of 42 for the building and charging them accordingly for water and sewer charges.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Adjourn

*Motion by Commissioner Marinaro, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adjourn at 2:10 p.m.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Secretary