

City of Nashwauk
Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission
July 15, 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 Mark Marinaro.

Members absent: Commissioner Brian Ekholm, Commissioner Mike Anderson.

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

Adoption of Agenda

*Motion by Commissioner Marinaro, seconded by Commissioner Martire to adopt the agenda of the July 15, 2025, Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission meeting.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

*Motion by Commissioner Marinaro, seconded by Commissioner Martire to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2025, Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission meeting.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Approval of Claims

*Motion by Commissioner Marinaro, 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

John Jamnick said that the project is getting close to reality for Lone Pine Township. The MPCA sent their certification for the project to the PFA, which puts it in the fundable range for the 2026 Intended Use Plan. Lone Pine Township will move forward with submitting their PSIG application.

3rd Street Utility Project Update

No update.

Water System Follow-up

A water tower inspection report was received from KLM Engineering. It stated that the coatings are now 25 years old and have reached their expected life span. Even though the coatings are in good to fair condition currently, deterioration will likely begin to accelerate as the coatings age further. KLM anticipates the coatings will require replacement in three to five years. This will maximize the life expectancy of the structure and minimize future repairs.

Joe Peterson Updates

Joe Peterson said the reconductoring work was completed last month and overall, the project went well.

Peterson shared information related to the Minnesota Power scope of work for testing that would be completed on the transformers, which was required to get them into service and energized. The work to

be completed was at the request of Mesabi Metallics. Peterson also noted that a control switch had failed so that was included in the scope of work, too.

*Motion by Commissioner Marinaro, seconded by Commissioner Martire to approve the Minnesota Power Scope of Work dated July 7, 2025, for transformer testing and maintenance related to the Calumet and McCarthy substations in the amount of \$39,234.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Peterson noted that Mesabi Metallics is moving forward with many electrical projects, but they have a lot to get done by October.

Peterson shared that he had discussed another grant opportunity with ARDC, which was focused on building resiliency to better survive storms. He is working with the organization to see if he can make a grant request, as the application period is now open.

Regarding the new school, Peterson shared that the temporary construction transformer has been taken out.

New Business

Profit/Loss Statements

The Commission reviewed profit and loss statements through June 2025, fund balances, and savings account balances.

Adjourn

*Motion by Commissioner Martire, seconded by Commissioner Martire to adjourn at 1:40 p.m.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Secretary