

City of Nashwauk
Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission
August 19, 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, Commissioner Ekholm, Commissioner Anderson.

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

Adoption of Agenda

*Motion by Commissioner Marinaro, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adopt the agenda of the August 19, 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 July 15, 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

There was not a meeting held in August.

3rd Street Utility Project Update

John Jamnick said that applications were in and were waiting for a response from the State agencies to know funding levels. The Commission received the request from the City Council regarding wanting the 3rd Street project to move forward. It is easy to want the project to move forward, but funding is necessary before it can be bid. It is on hold until funding is in place. It is an active utility project that the NPUC is consistently working on. Requests have been submitted to be included on the 2026 IUP.

Water Tower Restoration

The Commission decided to wait until the 2024 audit was completed, which would then be submitted to Financial Consultant Mike Bubany to update the projects and receive rate recommendations.

Joe Peterson Updates

*Motion by Commissioner Martire, seconded by Commissioner Martire to approve the quote from Border States in the amount of \$6,342.57 for a primary pedestal.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Commissioner Marinaro asked about the transformer disconnect invoice and if it could be invoiced to the school for those costs. Peterson agreed that it could be invoiced.

Peterson shared an update regarding electrical projects going on at Mesabi Metallica. They have an aggressive timeframe.

Peterson shared information about a grant application through the EDA with the help of ARDC and MMUA. He will apply for a \$5 million project. The grant allows for 80% of project costs.

New Business

Lance Hopke said that the Street Department's garage is getting full and needs space for electrical parts, transformers, wire. Commissioner Marinaro requested a quote for the next meeting.

Commissioner Marinaro questioned about the power outage if there was a second way for Nashwauk to be fed. There were multiple outages across the Range, so Minnesota Power was stretched for staffing for response.

Commissioner Anderson asked about the electrical pole at the south end of town where there was a fire on the pole and a power outage. It was a Minnesota Power pole. He said the pole next to it doesn't look so healthy. He wanted to know if the pole could be flagged to Minnesota Power. Joe Peterson said he would look at it.

Jason Martire said that the pumps have been installed in the pump house. Automatic Systems needs to have a rep come to install some software.

Adjourn

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

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Secretary