ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD February 17, 1982

VILLAGE (OF BLOOMINGDAL	E and)	
URBAN IN	VESTMENT AND D	EVELOPMENT (CORP.,)	
		Pet	itioners,)	
v.) PO	CB 81-207	
ILLINOIS	ENVIRONMENTAL	PROTECTION	AGENCY,	ý	
		Resi	oondent.)	

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J. Anderson):

On January 29, 1982, Mr. Thomas W. Budzik "formally request[ed] a public hearing...because [he did] not know what effect if any [variance] will have on local residents' shallow well water supply". On February 3, 1982 petitioners moved that the request for hearing be denied. They argue first, that hearing is not mandatory, as this request was filed too late to qualify as a Section 37(c) "objection", and secondly that "the benefits to be gained by convening a public hearing for requester's purposes are nil, if any, compared to the time and expense [of public hearing]". Mr. Budzik has not responded to this motion, with which he was served. The Agency has not replied to the motion, but on February 8, 1982 filed a Recommendation in support of grant of variance.

While the Board agrees that hearing in this matter is not mandatory, the Board must make clear that questions of expense are not the primary considerations involved in the Board determination to convene discretionary public hearings. Hearing in this matter shall be expeditiously scheduled and held, as neither the petition nor the Recommendation address the concern raised in the hearing request.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

> Christan L. Moffett, Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board