

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
April 17, 1972

NORMAN NACHTRIEB)
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) #72-8
 v.)
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 SOUTH PALOS TOWNSHIP)
 SANITARY DISTRICT)

SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT BY JACOB D. DUMELLE:

While I have registered my vote in favor of this opinion, I do find several disturbing points about this proceeding.

First, the South Palos Township Sanitary District accepted a bid of \$1,140,411 (which was \$438,000 over the original estimate) of April 13, 1971 knowing then that their financing was inadequate. That was done on or after April 13, 1971 and this Board had then been in existence almost a year. It would seem to me that the District should have come to this Board, then, prior to the contractual commitment, and not afterwards. One does not start to build a factory and then seek rezoning.

Second, no witness for the Environmental Protection Agency testified that pollution occurred from the existing septic tanks. We have only the testimony of Mr. Nachtrieb on this point and we do not know on the record his qualifications as a judge of pollution. While we should encourage the replacement of septic tanks by sewer systems, what we here were asked to do and did do was to make a finding of water pollution and without benefit of Agency testimony.

The power to issue bonds without referendum and in excess of a debt limit is a great power. It is also a great responsibility because it may burden future generations well into the twenty-first century. And by adding to overlapping debt, the new bond issue may make other area bond issues, such as for new schools or for water systems, both unvotable and unsalable.

In the future, I would like to see governmental units coming before us for bond issues without referenda do so before the fact of commitment and not after. And I should like to see greater technical testimony (and Agency participation) to prove the point of water pollution.


JACOB D. DUMELLE

I, Christan Moffett, Clerk of the Pollution Control Board, certify that the above Supplemental Statement was adopted on the 17th Day of April, 1972.