



**FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD**

APPELLANT: Rick Levee
DOCKET NO.: 10-21566.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 11-07-103-002-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Rick Levee, the appellant, by attorney Leonard Schiller of Schiller Strauss & Lavin PC in Chicago; and the Cook County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds no change in the assessment of the property as established by the Cook County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND: \$5,928
IMPR.: \$39,572
TOTAL: \$45,500**

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Cook County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2010 tax year. The Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of the appeal.

Findings of Fact

The subject property consists of a two-story dwelling of frame construction with 1,951 square feet of living area. The dwelling is 71 years old. Features of the home include a partial basement that has finished area, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a one-car garage. The property

has a 4,160 square foot site and is located in Evanston, Evanston Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-05 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted the cost approach portion of an appraisal estimating the subject property had an indicated value by the cost approach of \$457,300. The appraisal's cover page revealed the valuation date was as of October 20, 2009. The appraisal submitted included photographs and sales data on three comparable properties that sold between June and August 2009 for prices ranging from \$440,000 to \$475,000. No other information regarding the comparables features or adjustments was submitted.

Based on this evidence the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$40,495, which reflects a market value of \$404,950 or \$207.56 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the Cook County level of assessment for class 2 property of 10%.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$45,500. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$455,000 or \$233.21 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the Cook County level of assessment for class 2 property of 10%.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables, one of which sold in July 2007 for \$685,000.

The appellant submitted a rebuttal brief.

Conclusion of Law

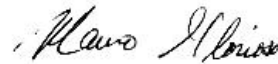
The appellant contends the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed valuation. When market value is the basis of the appeal the value of the property must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of market value may consist of an appraisal of the subject property, a recent sale, comparable sales or construction costs. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(c). The Board finds the appellant did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appraisal comparables submitted by the appellant. The Board gave less weight to the cost approach within the appraisal due to the more supportive sales data in the record. The Board gave less weight to the 2007 sale submitted by board of review due to its sale date occurring greater than 29 months prior to the January 1, 2010 assessment date at issue. The Board gave little weight to the equity comparables presented by the board of review. The Board finds this evidence is not responsive to the overvaluation argument made by the appellant. The appellant's appraisal comparables ranged in price from \$440,000 to \$475,000. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$455,000, which is within the range established by the best comparable sales in the record. Based on this evidence the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is not justified.

This is a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board which is subject to review in the Circuit Court or Appellate Court under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.) and section 16-195 of the Property Tax Code.

Chairman

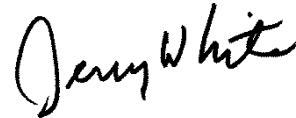




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DISSENTING: _____

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

As Clerk of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board and the keeper of the Records thereof, I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and complete Final Administrative Decision of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board issued this date in the above entitled appeal, now of record in this said office.

Date: December 18, 2015



Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides in part:

"If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel after the deadline for filing complaints with the Board of Review or after adjournment of the session of the Board of Review at which assessments for the subsequent year are being considered, the taxpayer may, within 30 days after the date of written notice of the Property Tax Appeal Board's decision, appeal the assessment for the subsequent year directly to the Property Tax Appeal Board."

In order to comply with the above provision, YOU MUST FILE A PETITION AND EVIDENCE WITH THE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE ENCLOSED DECISION IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR.

Based upon the issuance of a lowered assessment by the Property Tax Appeal Board, the refund of paid property taxes is the responsibility of your County Treasurer. Please contact that office with any questions you may have regarding the refund of paid property taxes.