

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Sobor

DOCKET NO.: 10-31088.001-R-1 PARCEL NO.: 13-22-217-002-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Sobor, the appellant, by attorney Arnold G. Siegel, of Siegel & Callahan, P.C. in Chicago; and the Cook County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds <u>a reduction</u> 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: \$10,944 **IMPR.:** \$22,581 **TOTAL:** \$33,525

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 is 97 years old, and consists of a two-story dwelling of masonry construction containing 2,100 square feet of living area. Features of the home include a full basement and a two-car garage. The property has a 6,840 square foot site and is located in Jefferson Township, Cook County.

The subject is classified as a class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant's appeal is based on overvaluation. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted evidence disclosing the subject property was purchased on July 14, 2009 for a price of \$375,000. The appellant also submitted: 1) a residential real estate contract to purchase the subject with the approval of the seller and the seller's lender; 2) a Settlement Statement dated July 14, 2009 disclosing the seller was Deutsche Bank National Trust Company; 3) a Warranty Deed; 4) a property information print-out on the subject property from Win2Data; 5) a Multiple Listing Service data sheet; and 6) an appraisal. The appraisal estimated the subject property had a market value of \$375,000 as June 5, 2009. The appraisal was supported by three comparables that sold from December 2008 through June 2009, and from \$185.29 to \$204.53 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to reflect the purchase price.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$48,744. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$545,235 or \$259.64 per square foot of living area, when using the board of review's indicated size of 2,100 square feet and when using the 2010 three-year median level of assessment of 8.94% for class 2 property as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four suggested equity comparables and the 2009 sale of the subject property.

In rebuttal, the appellant reaffirmed the argument that the purchase was at arm's-length and that a broker's commission was paid.

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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appraisal submitted by the appellant. The subject's assessment reflects a market value above the best evidence of market value in the record. The Board finds the subject property had a market value of \$375,000 as of the assessment date at issue. Since market value has been established, the 2010 three-year median level of assessment of 8.94% for class 2 property as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue shall apply. (86 Ill.Admin.Code \$1910.50(c)(2)).

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.

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CERTIFICATION

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.

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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.