



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

APPELLANT: Linda Schwartz-Gershenson  
DOCKET NO.: 10-34787.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 14-33-208-020-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Linda Schwartz-Gershenson, 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 a reduction 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:** \$29,407  
**IMPR:** \$108,098  
**TOTAL:** \$137,505

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**ANALYSIS**

The subject property is improved with a three-story multi-family dwelling of masonry construction with 5,616 square feet of living area. The home was built in 1878. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement and central air conditioning. The property has a 3,921 square foot site and is located in Chicago, North Chicago Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-09 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.<sup>1</sup>

The subject property is a partially owner occupied residence that was the subject matter of an appeal before the Property Tax Appeal Board the prior year under docket number 09-35060.001-R-1. In that appeal the Property Tax Appeal Board rendered a decision lowering the assessment of the subject property to \$137,505 based on the evidence submitted by the parties. The appellant also

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<sup>1</sup> The parties differ as to whether the subject is an apartment building. The Board finds this difference will not impact the Board's decision in this appeal.

submitted an appraisal to demonstrate the subject was being overvalued.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the final assessment of the subject property totaling \$182,520 was disclosed. The board of review submitted information on four equity comparables, one of which sold in March 2007 for \$2,500,000.

The appellant submitted a rebuttal brief critiquing the board of review's submission and requested the appeal be written on the evidence.

After reviewing the record and considering the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal. Pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185), the Board finds the prior year's decision should be carried forward to the subsequent year subject only to equalization.

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) provides in part:

If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel on which a residence occupied by the owner is situated, such reduced assessment, subject to equalization, shall remain in effect for the remainder of the general assessment period as provided in Sections 9-215 through 9-225, unless that parcel is subsequently sold in an arm's length transaction establishing a fair cash value for the parcel that is different from the fair cash value on which the Board's assessment is based, or unless the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board is reversed or modified upon review.

The record disclosed the appellant filed an appeal with the Property Tax Appeal Board for 2009. The Board issued a decision reducing the subject's 2009 assessment. The record further indicates that the subject property is an owner occupied dwelling. The Board finds that 2009 and 2010 are within the same general assessment period. The record contains no evidence indicating the subject property sold in an arm's length transaction subsequent to the Board's decision or that the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board was reversed or modified upon review. For these reasons the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted to reflect the Board's prior year's decision plus the application of an equalization factor, if any.

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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*Klaus Albrecht*

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Member

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Member

*Jerry White*

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Member

*Robert Hoffmann*

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Acting Member

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Member

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: March 18, 2016

*A. Proctor*

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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.