



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

APPELLANT: Mr. Andy Lewczuk
DOCKET NO.: 10-36471.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 19-13-406-033-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Mr. Andy Lewczuk, the appellant(s), by attorney Scott Shudnow, of Shudnow & Shudnow, Ltd. in Chicago; and the Cook County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented in this matter, 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: \$3,187
IMPR.: \$1,313
TOTAL: \$4,500

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 is not owner occupied. 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 consists of a one-story single-family dwelling of masonry construction. The dwelling contains a full unfinished basement. The property has a 3,750 square foot site, and is located in Lake Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-03 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 evidence showing that the subject sold in November 14, 2008 for \$73,225. This evidence included a copy of a PTAB 2009 decision, the settlement statement and a copy of the Multiple Listing Service sheet. In addition, the appellant confirmed in Section IV of the appeal the subject's sale date, price, transfer was not between related parties, realtor involved, the subject was advertised for sale for 41 days, and was a foreclosure.

In further support of this argument, the appellant submitted an appraisal estimating the subject property had a market value of \$45,000 as of January 1, 2009. In the appraisal, the appraiser stated that although the subject sold in 2008 for \$73,225, his opinion of the subject's value of \$45,000 was more accurate due to a large number of foreclosures, short sales, and REO sales affecting the market significantly. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$12,843. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$128,430, including land, when applying the level of assessment for class 2 properties of 10.00% as determined by the Cook County classification ordinance.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted four equity comparables with sale information for each comparable. The board's evidence also confirmed the 2008 sale of the subject.

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. In the appraisal, the appraiser stated that although the subject sold in 2008 for \$73,225, his opinion of the subject's value of \$45,000 was more accurate due to a large number of foreclosures, short sales, and REO sales affecting the market significantly. 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 \$45,000 as of the assessment date at issue. Since market value has been established the level of assessment for class 2 properties of 10.00% as determined by the Cook County classification ordinance shall apply.

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.

Mario Albino

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Acting Member

DISSENTING: _____

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.

Date: March 24, 2017

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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.