



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

APPELLANT: Michael Chowaniec
DOCKET NO.: 11-21859.001-R-1 through 11-21859.004-R-1
PARCEL NO.: See Below

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Michael Chowaniec, the appellant; 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:

DOCKET NO	PARCEL NUMBER	LAND	IMPRVMT	TOTAL
11-21859.001-R-1	23-26-203-027-0000	4,844	3,696	\$8,540
11-21859.002-R-1	23-26-203-026-0000	4,844	0	\$4,844
11-21859.003-R-1	23-26-203-025-0000	4,844	0	\$4,844
11-21859.004-R-1	23-26-203-024-0000	3,599	0	\$ 3,599

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 2011 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 one-story dwelling of frame construction with 938 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1950. Features of the home include central air conditioning, a fireplace and a two-car garage. The property has an 84,506 square foot site and is located in Palos Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-02 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant's appeal is based on overvaluation and equity of assessment of the subject's land. In support of the overvaluation argument, the appellant submitted evidence disclosing the subject property was purchased on November 20, 2009 for a price of \$205,000. The appellant's pleadings indicate the subject was sold in settlement of an installment contract. The appellant also submitted an appraisal with an October 29, 2009 valuation date. The appraisal indicates the subject's market value is \$230,000 and that per Village of Palos Park zoning ordinance, a single family residence must have a minimum lot size of 43,560 square feet.

In support of the equity argument, the appellant submitted five land equity comparables. The comparables have land unit pricing that ranges from \$0.50 to \$2.50 per square foot of land. 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 \$22,295. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$234,932 or \$250.46 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2011 three year average median level of assessments for class 2 property of 9.49% under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three comparable sales.

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 appellant's appraisal. Less weight was given to the subject's recent purchase, as the appellant's pleadings indicate the sale was in settlement of an installment contract. Based on this record the Board finds the subject property had a market value of \$230,000 as of January 1, 2011. Since market value has been determined the 2011 average median level of assessments for class 2 property of 9.49% shall apply. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(c)(2). The Board notes that this reduction results in a land assessment that reflects a market value of \$2.26 per square foot of land which is within the range of the appellant's land comparables.

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

K. L. Ferr

Member

Mark Morris

Member

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: May 22, 2015

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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.