



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

APPELLANT: Christopher Plonka  
DOCKET NO.: 12-27926.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 03-15-313-013-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Christopher Plonka, the appellant, 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:** \$ 8,505  
**IMPR.:** \$22,019  
**TOTAL:** \$30,524

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 2012 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 23-year-old, one-story dwelling of frame and masonry construction. Features of the home include a partial basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a one-car garage. The property has a 20,012 square foot site and is located in Wheeling Township, Cook County. The property is a class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance. Career

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted an appraisal estimating the subject property had a market value of \$325,000 as of February 2, 2012. In addition, the appellant submitted evidence disclosing the subject property was purchased on May 9, 2012 for a price of \$315,000.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$49,432. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$510,134 when applying the 2012 three year median level of assessments for class 2 property of 9.69% 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 suggested equity comparables with sales data on each property.

In written rebuttal, appellant's counsel argued the board of review's comparables should not be given weight because no adjustments were made.

### **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 purchase of the subject property in May, 2012 for a price of \$315,000. The appellant provided evidence demonstrating the sale had the elements of an arm's length transaction. The appellant completed Section IV - Recent Sale Data of the appeal disclosing the property was sold using a Realtor and the property had been advertised on the open market. In further support of the transaction the appellant submitted a copy of the settlement statement and an appraisal supporting the sale price. The Board finds the purchase price is below the market value reflected by the assessment. The Board finds the board of review did not present any evidence to challenge the arm's length nature of the transaction. In fact, the board of review's evidence reflects the subject's 2012 sale. Based on this record the Board finds the subject property had a market value of \$315,000 as of January 1, 2012. Since market value has been determined the 2012 three year median level of assessments for class 2 property of 9.69% 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.



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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: June 24, 2016



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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.