



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

APPELLANT: Michael Vdovets  
DOCKET NO.: 12-29414.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 04-07-406-010-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Michael Vdovets, the appellant; and the Cook County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds no change 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:** \$14,490  
**IMPR.:** \$48,819  
**TOTAL:** \$63,309

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 22-year-old, two-story dwelling of stucco construction with 3,762 square feet of living area. Features of the home include a full basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a two-car garage. The property

has a 25,200 square foot site and is located in Northfield Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four suggested equity comparables. In addition, the appellant's evidence reflected that the subject property was purchased in 2008 for \$722,000.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$63,309. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$48,819 or \$12.98 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four suggested equity comparables.

On rebuttal, the appellant argued that the board of review's comparables are superior to the subject property. The appellant also argued that unlike the board of review's comparables, the subject property has well water and Dryvitt for an exterior finish, which requires costly yearly maintenance.

At hearing, the appellant reiterated his rebuttal evidence and submitted into evidence two MLS printouts showing discrepancies between the board of review's data on comparables #3 and #4 and the sale listings of those properties. The appellant pointed out that the board of review's comparables were newer than the subject, had larger garages, and were of different exterior construction. Finally, the appellant testified that the board of review's comparable #2 signed the incorporation agreement and will receive municipal water.

At hearing, the board of review argued that the appellant failed to present any evidence that the comparable properties were not using well water as well.

#### **Conclusion of Law**

The taxpayer contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. When unequal treatment in the assessment process is the basis of the appeal, the inequity of the assessments must be proved by clear and convincing evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of unequal treatment in the assessment process should consist of documentation of the assessments for the assessment year in question of not less than three

comparable properties showing the similarity, proximity and lack of distinguishing characteristics of the assessment comparables to the subject property. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(b). The Board finds the appellant did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The Board finds that the appellant failed to present evidence that well water diminishes the value of the subject property, or that no other comparables with higher assessment per square foot are using well water. The Board also finds that the appellant failed to present evidence that Dryvitt exterior was the cause of any diminution in value of the subject property since 2008.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be *appellant's comparable #4 and the board of review's comparables #2 and #4*. These comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$11.97 to \$14.85 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$12.98 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not justified.

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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Chairman

*Mark Albino*

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Member

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Member

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Member

*Jerry White*

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Acting 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: July 24, 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.