



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

APPELLANT: Thomas Major
DOCKET NO.: 12-29919.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 27-18-105-026-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Thomas Major, the appellant(s), by attorney Jason T. Shilson, of O'Keefe Lyons & Hynes, LLC 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: \$ 10,018
IMPR.: \$ 50,982
TOTAL: \$ 61,000

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 two-story dwelling of frame and masonry construction. The dwelling is approximately 21 years old. Features of the home include a partial basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a three-car garage. The property has a 36,430 square foot site and is located in Orland Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-09 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 a copy of the documents that were filed at the board of review for the 2012 tax appeal, a Housing Price Forecast report, and an appraisal estimating the subject property had a market value of \$610,000 as of October 25, 2012. The appraisal notes that the subject property was sold on October 25, 2012 and that the sale of the subject and comparables were distressed transactions. In further support of the overvaluation argument, the appellant submitted a

settlement statement that indicates the subject was purchased for a price of \$440,000 on November 2, 2012. The settlement statement lists the seller as Suburban Bank and Trust Company, Successor Trustee to Southwest Financial Bank and Trust Company, as Trustee under the Trust Agreement Dated January 16, 1991, known as Trust 1-0365. The appellant's pleadings indicate the buyer and seller are not related parties or corporations and that the property was listed for sale on the Multiple Listing Service through a Coldwell Banker agent. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested an assessment of 10% of the recent purchase price, or \$44,000.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$79,292. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$792,920, including land, when applying the 2012 level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 10%. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales. The board of review's grid sheet also indicates the subject sold on September 30, 2013 for a price of \$610,000.

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 as the appraiser analyzed the recent distressed sale of the subject and made appropriate adjustments. The Board finds the subject property had a market value of \$610,000 as of the assessment date at issue. Since market value has been established the 2012 level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 10% 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.



Chairman



Member



Member



Member



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:

August 19, 2016



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.