

# FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Faraz Mota

DOCKET NO.: 13-03845.001-R-1 PARCEL NO.: 08-01-310-103

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Faraz Mota, the appellant, and the DuPage County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented in this matter, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds <u>A Reduction</u> in the assessment of the property as established by the **DuPage** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$3,530 **IMPR.:** \$11,470 **TOTAL:** \$15,000

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

## **Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the DuPage County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2013 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 residential condominium unit of brick exterior construction with 1,164 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1968. The unit is in a two-story, 12-unit condominium building. The property is located in Downers Grove, Lisle Township, DuPage County.

The appellant's appeal is based on overvaluation. In support of this argument the appellant submitted evidence disclosing the subject property was purchased on February 28, 2012 for a price of \$35,871. To document the transaction the appellant submitted a copy of the settlement statement, a copy of the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) listing sheet and a copy of the Listing & Property History Report. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to reflect the purchase price.

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The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$31,100. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$93,337 or \$80.19 per square foot of living area, including land, when using the 2013 three year average median level of assessment for DuPage County of 33.32% 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 identified by the Lisle Township Assessor's office. The comparables were described as being improved with the same style of dwelling as the subject property that had either 1,080 or 1,164 square feet of living area. Each comparable was constructed in 1968. The comparables sold from July 2012 to October 2013 for prices ranging from \$82,500 to \$86,000 or from \$70.88 to \$78.70 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence the board of review requested confirmation of the assessment.

## **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 evidence in the record supports a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The evidence disclosed the appellant purchased the subject property in February 2012 for a price of \$35,851. The appellant provided evidence demonstrating the sale had elements of an arm's length transaction. The appellant completed Section IV - Recent Sale Data of the appeal disclosing the parties to the transaction were not related, the property was sold using a Realtor, the property had been advertised on the open market with the MLS and had been on the market for 120 days under the most recent listing. In further support of the transaction the appellant submitted a copy of the settlement statement and a copy of the MLS listing describing the subject property as having a lot of potential and in pre-foreclosure. The Listing & Property History Report indicated the subject property had originally been listed for sale on February 7, 2011 with an asking price of \$95,000 and the listing was canceled on August 29 2011 after the price had been reduced to \$69,350. The property was listed again on October 3, 2011 with an asking price of \$67,400 and sold in February 2012. Additionally, the board of review provided three sales that sold from July 2012 to October 2013 for prices ranging from \$82,500 to \$86,000 or from \$70.88 to \$78.70 per square foot of living area, including land. The Board finds the purchase price as well as the sales provided by the board of review are below the market value as reflected by the subject's assessment. After considering the sale of the subject property and the comparable sales provided by the board of review, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is justified.

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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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<u>CERTIFICATION</u>	
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.	
Dat	e: May 20, 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

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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 <u>PETITION AND EVIDENCE</u> 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.