



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

APPELLANT: Faraz Mota
DOCKET NO.: 13-03863.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 04-03-410-048

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 **A Reduction** 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: \$3,590
IMPR.: \$8,080
TOTAL: \$11,670

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 construction with 882 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1971. The property is located in West Chicago, Winfield 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 in February 2013. The appellant indicated on the appeal from the property was purchased for \$36,000, however, the settlement statement indicated the contract sales price was \$35,000. The appellant also submitted a copy of the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) listing sheet for the subject property and a copy of the Listing & Property History Report disclosing a sales price of \$36,000. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to reflect the purchase price.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$13,980. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$41,957 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 five comparable sales identified by the Winfield Township Assessor. The comparables were improved with residential condominium units each with 882 square feet of living area and having the same street address as the subject property. Each unit was built in 1971 and is of brick construction. The sales occurred from April 2012 to June 2014 for prices ranging from \$40,000 to \$65,500. The board of review evidence also indicated the subject property was purchased in February 2013 for a price of \$35,000. 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 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 February 2013 for a price of \$35,000. 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 100 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 in pre-foreclosure. The listing sheet described the subject unit as being a gorgeous home redone from top to bottom. The listing described the kitchen as being remodeled, the bathrooms as being remodeled, new carpeting throughout and as being freshly repainted. The Listing & Property History Report indicated the subject property had originally been listed for sale on June 4, 2012 with an asking price of \$79,000 and the listing was canceled on August 31, 2012. The property was listed again on October 26, 2012 with an asking price of \$44,900 and sold in February 2013. The Board finds the purchase price is below the market value reflected by the assessment. Although the board of review provided five sales of units similar to the subject that sold from April 2012 to June 2014 for prices ranging from \$40,000 to \$65,500, the Board finds the board of review did not present any evidence to challenge the arm's length nature of the subject's transaction. Based on this record the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is 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.



Chairman



Member

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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: May 20, 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.