



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

APPELLANT: Patricia O'Connor
DOCKET NO.: 13-20214.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-12-320-035-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Patricia O'Connor, the appellant(s), by attorney John P. Brady, of Thomas M. Tully & Associates 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: \$ 4,138
IMPR.: \$30,862
TOTAL: \$35,000

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 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 consists of a two-story, non-owner-occupied, multi-family dwelling of masonry construction with 5,305 square feet of living area. The dwelling is 50 years old. The property has a 5,912 square foot site, and is located in River Forest Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-11 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 evidence disclosing the subject property was purchased on April 1, 2011 for a price of \$350,000. A real estate broker was involved in this transaction. The appellant included a copy of a sale contract, Special Warranty Deed and Multiple Listing Service printout as evidence of this transaction. The appellant also included a rent roll as well as income and

expense information. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review-Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$47,966. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$479,660, or \$90.42 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the 2013 statutory assessment level of 10% as indicated by the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four sale comparables. The board of review did not provide any evidence that this sale was a foreclosure or short sale, and did not dispute that this was an arm's-length transaction. Based on this evidence, the board requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

In written rebuttal, the appellant provided copies of prior year Board decisions for the subject property. The appellant's evidence reflects, however, that the subject property is not owner-occupied.

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 did meet 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 April 2011 for a price of \$350,000. The appellant provided evidence demonstrating the sale had the elements of an arm's length transaction. The appellant disclosed the property was sold using a realtor. In further support of the transaction, the appellant submitted copies of: the sale contract; a recorded Special Warranty Deed; and a Multiple Listing Service printout. The Board finds that the board of review did not present any evidence to challenge the arm's length nature of the transaction or offer any evidence that the sale of the subject was not at its fair market value.

Based on this record the Board finds the subject property had a market value of \$350,000 as of January 1, 2011. Since the market value of this parcel has been established, the assessment level of 10% as established by the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance in effect for tax year 2013 shall apply, per the appellant's request. 86 Ill. Admin. Code § 1910.50(c)(3).

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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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: July 22, 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.