



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

APPELLANT: Ronald Bare
DOCKET NO.: 13-21832.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 08-15-210-007-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Ronald Bare, the appellant(s); 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: \$ 3,600
IMPR: \$ 22,518
TOTAL: \$ 26,118**

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 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) challenging the assessment for the 2013 tax year. The Property Tax Appeal Board (the "Board") finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of the appeal.

Findings of Fact

The subject consists of a one-story dwelling of frame construction. The dwelling is 43 year old. Features of the home include a partial unfinished basement and a two-car garage. The property has a 7,200 square foot site, and is located in Elk Grove Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a

class 2-03 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 26 comparable sales.

The appellant also contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables.

The appellant contends that the subject size proffered by the board of review is erroneous but offered no evidence to substantiate this claim.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$26,118 and an improvement assessment of \$22,518, or \$12.51 per square foot of living area. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$259,622, or \$144.23 per square foot of living area when applying the 2013 three year average median level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 10.06% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables and four sale comparables.

At hearing, the appellant testified that the board of review's comparables were not similar to the subject property. He stated that the subject's and the board of review's comparables' size information in evidence was erroneous but offered no evidence besides his testimony to substantiate this claim. He also that he was familiar with all of the eight comparables and described their size and characteristics to show why they should be given less weight in the Board's analysis. The board of review submitted a property identification card showing the subject contains 1,800 square feet of living area.

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 has met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

As to the subject's size argument, the Board finds that the best evidence showing the size of the subject is the property identification card proffered by the board of review. Therefore, the subject's size is considered to be 1,800 square feet for the purposes of this appeal only.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellant's comparable sales. These comparables sold for prices ranging from \$120.00 to \$156.50 per square foot of living area. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$144.23 per square foot of living area which is within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. Based on this evidence the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is not justified.

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 the best evidence of assessment equity to be the appellant's comparables. These comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$10.95 to \$13.43 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$12.51 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.

Chairman



Member



Member



Acting Member



Member



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: January 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.