



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

APPELLANT: Pangea Equity  
DOCKET NO.: 13-28010.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 16-14-405-021-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Pangea Equity, the appellant(s), by attorney Maureen C. Pikarski, of Gordon & Pikarski 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 **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:** \$ 4,949  
**IMPR.:** \$40,360  
**TOTAL:** \$45,309

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 three-story apartment building with 12,027 square feet of building area. It was built in 1912. The property has a 5,999 square foot site, and is located in West Chicago Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 3-15 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 limited evidence disclosing the subject property was purchased on December 29, 2011 for a price of \$89,000. The parties were unrelated however the property was not advertised for sale. Additionally, it was sold "by owner." Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment 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 \$45,309. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$453,090, or \$37.67 per square foot of building area, including land, when applying a 10% level of assessment as determined by the Cook County Real Property Classification Ordinance.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on five sale comparables of multi-unit apartment buildings. The sales ranged: in sale date from 2005 to 2012; in sale price from \$160,000 to \$560,000, or \$24.05 to \$69.13 per square foot, including land; and in size from 6,654 square feet to 15,149 square feet of building area. Based on this evidence, the board requested confirmation of the subject's 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 did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The Board finds that the sale of the subject in December 2011 for \$89,000 was not at market value, as the Seller failed to expose the property to the open market. Accordingly, the Board may consider evidence which would show whether the sale price was representative of the subject's fair cash value. In this case, the appellant did not submit any such evidence to show that the sale of the subject was at its fair cash value. The Board further finds that the board of review's sale comparables are the only comparables contained in the record. As the subject's current market value of \$37.67 is within the range of the best sale comparables contained in the record, there is no evidence that the sale price of the subject was at its fair cash value. As such, the Board finds that the subject is not overvalued and a reduction is not warranted.

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: November 23, 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.