



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

APPELLANT: Vandana Sehgal  
DOCKET NO.: 13-33993.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 10-20-402-047-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Vandana Sehgal, the appellant(s), by attorney Stephanie Park, of Park & Longstreet, P.C. in Rolling Meadows; 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:** \$3,712  
**IMPR.:** \$9,488  
**TOTAL:** \$13,200

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 property contains a 62 year-old, one-story dwelling of frame and masonry construction containing 897 square feet of living area. Features of the home include a partial unfinished basement and a one and one-half-car garage. The property has a 5,940 square foot site and is located in Niles Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a Class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant's appeal is based on overvaluation. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted a settlement statement disclosing the subject was sold on May 6, 2013 for a price of \$132,000. The appellant also submitted an affidavit, and information in Section IV–Recent Sale Data of the Residential Appeal that the subject was not sold as a transfer between related parties, was sold by the owner and was advertised for sale. The appellant also submitted four suggested sale comparables. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's

assessment to reflect the purchase price when applying the 2013 level of assessment of 10.00% for Class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$16,889. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$168,890, or \$188.28 per square foot of living area including land, when applying the 2013 level of assessment of 10.00% for Class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance. In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on three suggested sale comparables, and on the May 2013 sale of the subject for the price of \$132,000.

In rebuttal, the appellant argued that the comparables submitted as evidence by the board of review should be given diminished weight because they were dissimilar to the subject in various key property characteristics. The appellant reaffirmed the request for an assessment reduction.

### **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 May 2013 for a price of \$132,000. The appellant provided evidence demonstrating the sale had the elements of an arm's-length transaction. The appellant provided information in Section IV-Recent Sale Data of the appeal disclosing the parties to the transaction were not related and the property was advertised for sale. In further support of the transaction, the appellant submitted a copy of the settlement statement. The Board finds the board of review did not present any evidence to challenge the arm's-length nature of the transaction. Based on this record the Board finds the subject property had a market value of \$132,000 as of January 1, 2013 and that a reduction in the subject's assessment is justified. Since market value has been determined, the level of assessment of 10.00% for Class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance shall apply.



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.