

# FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Robert Michels DOCKET NO.: 14-01442.001-R-1

PARCEL NO.: 16-05-01-128-015-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Robert Michels, the appellant, by William I. Sandrick, of Sandrick Law Firm LLC, in South Holland, and the Will County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented in this matter, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds <u>A Reduction</u> in the assessment of the property as established by the **Will** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$27,302 **IMPR.:** \$124,978 **TOTAL:** \$152,280

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

#### **Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Will County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2014 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 two-story dwelling of brick exterior construction with 3,807 square feet of living area.<sup>1</sup> The dwelling was constructed in 1995. Features of the home include a full finished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 747 square foot garage. The property has a 60,548 square foot site and is located in Orland Park, Homer Township, Will County.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The appellant's appraiser reported a dwelling size of 3,458 square feet of living area, but provided no schematic drawing or other evidence to support the contention. The board of review reported the dwelling contains 3,807 square feet and included a copy of the subject's property record card with a detailed schematic drawing to support the contention. The Property Tax Appeal Board finds the board of review provided the better supported evidence of living area square footage.

The subject property is an owner occupied residence that was the subject matter of an appeal before the Property Tax Appeal Board the prior year under Docket Number 13-00727.001-R-1. In that appeal the Property Tax Appeal Board rendered a decision lowering the assessment of the subject property to \$152,280 based on the evidence submitted by the parties and the proposed assessment reduction made by the Will County Board of Review. The appellant submitted the same appraisal report of the subject property for this 2014 appeal to demonstrate the subject was overvalued. The appraisal report asserts that the client, Robert Michels, is also the occupant of the subject dwelling by having the same address as the property.

The Board takes notice that 2013 and 2014 are in the same general assessment period in Will County. (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.90(i) and 35 ILCS 200/9-215).

Based on this evidence, the appellant requests 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 \$158,871. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$478,095 or \$125.58 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2014 three year average median level of assessment for Will County of 33.23% 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 comparable sales. Based on this evidence and argument, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

The Board takes notice that properties in Homer Township had an equalization factor of 1.0000 applied in 2014.

### **Conclusion of Law**

The subject property was the subject matter of an appeal before the Property Tax Appeal Board the prior year under Docket Number 13-00727.001-R-1. In that appeal the Property Tax Appeal Board rendered a decision lowering the assessment of the subject property to \$152,280 based on the evidence submitted by the parties.

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) provides in part:

If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel on which a residence occupied by the owner is situated, such reduced assessment, subject to equalization, **shall remain in effect for the remainder of the general assessment period** as provided in Sections 9-215 through 9-225, unless that parcel is subsequently sold in an arm's length transaction establishing a fair cash value for the parcel that is different from the fair cash value on which the Board's assessment is based, or unless the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board is reversed or modified upon review. (Emphasis added.)

The Board further finds that the prior year's decision should be carried forward to the subsequent year subject only to any equalization factor applied to that year's assessments. This finding is pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) and the fact that 2013 and 2014 are within the same general assessment period in Will County. The record contains no evidence indicating that the assessment year in question is in a different general assessment period. For these reasons the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted to reflect the Board's prior year's finding plus the application of the equalization factor of 1.0000.

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.

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## **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 <u>PETITION AND EVIDENCE</u> 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.