



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

APPELLANT: John & Antonia Sotos
DOCKET NO.: 14-03398.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-35-105-026

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are John & Antonia Sotos, the appellants; and the Lake 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 **Lake** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$43,127
IMPR.: \$232,178
TOTAL: \$275,305

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property is improved with a two-story brick dwelling. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement, air conditioning, two fireplaces and a garage containing 897 square feet of building area. The property is located in Kildeer, Ela Township, Lake County.

The subject property is an owner occupied residence that was the subject matter of an appeal before the Property Tax Appeal Board in 2013 under docket number 13-04433.001-R-1. In that appeal the Property Tax Appeal Board rendered a decision lowering the assessment of the subject property to \$275,884 based on the evidence submitted by the parties. The board of review asserted that 2013 and 2014 were within the same general assessment period for residential property. The appellants submitted assessment information on four comparables to demonstrate the subject was being inequitably assessed.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the final assessment of the subject property totaling \$279,653 was disclosed.¹ The board of review, however, submitted a spreadsheet depicting an assessment of \$275,305, along with a 2014 equalization factor of 0.9979 applied for 2014.

¹ The board of review's "Notes on Appeal" total assessment is different than depicted on a spreadsheet prepared by the Clerk of the Lake County board of review.

After reviewing the record and considering the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal. Pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185), the Board finds the prior 2011 decision should be carried forward to the subsequent years subject only to equalization.

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.

The record disclosed the Property Tax Appeal Board issued a decision reducing the subject's 2013 assessment. The record further indicates that the subject property is an owner occupied dwelling and that 2013 and 2014 are within the same general assessment period. The record contains no evidence indicating the subject property sold in an arm's length transaction subsequent to the Board's decision or 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 2013 decision plus the application of an equalization factor of 0.9979 for 2014.

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:

February 24, 2017



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.