



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

APPELLANT: Patrick Brydon  
DOCKET NO.: 14-03692.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 08-29.0-221-001

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Patrick Brydon, the appellant; and the St. Clair 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 **St. Clair** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$3,714  
**IMPR.:** \$7,119  
**TOTAL:** \$10,833

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) 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 is improved with a one-story dwelling of frame and brick construction with 1,026 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1959. Features of the property include a crawl space foundation and an attached garage with 378 square feet of building area. The property has a 6,970 square foot site and is located in Belleville, St. Clair Township, St. Clair County.

The appellant's appeal is based on overvaluation. In support of this argument the appellant submitted evidence disclosing the subject property was purchased on April 26, 2013 for a price of \$26,000. The seller was identified as the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. The appellant indicated that the property was sold through a Realtor and had been advertised in the Multiply Listing Service (MLS) for eight months. The appellant also indicated the property was sold in settlement of a foreclosure and that \$2,500 was spent to renovate the property. To document the sale the appellant submitted a copy of the settlement statement and a copy of the subject's MLS

listing. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to \$8,684.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$10,833. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$32,444 or \$31.62 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2014 three year average median level of assessment for St. Clair County of 33.39% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three comparable sales improved with one-story dwellings that ranged in size from 960 to 1,080 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in 1955 and 1965. Each comparable has a crawl space foundation and central air conditioning. Two of the comparables have garages with 264 and 324 square feet of building area, respectively. The sales occurred from June 2012 to June 2014 for prices ranging from \$70,000 to \$79,500 or from \$42.61 to \$82.81 per square foot of living area, including land. To document the sales the board of review provided copies of the PTAX-Illinois Real Estate Transfer Declaration and a copy of the property record card for each comparable.

The board of review also submitted a copy of the PTAX-Illinois Real Estate Transfer Declaration associated with the sale of the subject property, which stated the property had been advertised for sale. Additionally, the board of review submitted a copy of the quit claim deed from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the appellant and Kelleen Stokes.

### **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 evidence in the record does not support a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The evidence disclosed the subject property was purchased in April 2013 for a price of \$26,000 or \$25.34 per square foot of living area. The evidence disclosed that the property had been advertised for sale and the parties were not related. The appellant also indicated that \$2,500 was spent renovating the property prior to the property being occupied on June 1, 2013. The Board finds some weight should be given the sale of the subject property. The board of review provided three comparable sales that had varying degrees of similarity to the subject property. The Board gave less weight to board of review sale #1 as this property sold in June 2012, not proximate in time to the assessment date at issue. The remaining comparables sold proximate in time to the assessment date at issue for prices ranging of \$75,000 to \$70,000 or for \$42.61 and \$64.81 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$32,444 or \$31.62 per square foot of living area, including land, which is below the prices established by the best comparable sales. After considering the sale of the subject property, the amount spent to renovate the property and the best sales provided by the board of

review, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds the subject's assessment is reflective of the property's market value 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



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: December 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.