



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

APPELLANT: Sammy W. Lowe
DOCKET NO.: 14-34486.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 29-07-320-037-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Sammy W. Lowe, the appellant, by attorney Jessica Hill-Magiera, Attorney at Law in Lake Zurich; 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: \$ 884
IMPR.: \$4,743
TOTAL: \$5,627

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property is improved with a 48-year-old, one-story dwelling of masonry construction containing 1,304 square feet of living area. Features of the home include a crawl space basement and a two-car garage. The property has a 3,932 square foot site and is located in Thornton Township, Cook County. The property is a Class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant filed a direct appeal under the Property Tax Code. The appellant submitted evidence disclosing the prior year Board's decision under docket number 13-30592.001-R-1. In that appeal, the Property Tax Appeal Board rendered a decision lowering the assessment of the subject property to \$1,500 based on the evidence submitted into evidence. In addition, the appellant submitted sales data and adjustments on six suggested comparables.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$5,627. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$56,270 or \$43.15 per square foot of living area when using the 2014 level of assessments for class 2 property of 10% under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted equity and sales information on four suggested comparables.

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 appellant failed to submit any evidence showing that the subject is owner occupied. Therefore, the appellant failed to establish that the 2013 assessment should be rolled over to the 2014 lien year. The Board also finds the appellant failed to lay any foundation for the adjustments within the equalization values grid and therefore the Board will give these adjustments no weight and look to the raw sales data.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be all of the appellant's comparable sales, and all of the board of review's comparable sales. These comparables sold for prices ranging from \$5.39 to \$153.16 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$43.15 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. Based on this evidence the Board finds 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. Pursuant to Section 1910.50(b) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(b)) the proceeding before the Property Tax Appeal Board is terminated when the decision is rendered. The Property Tax Appeal Board does not require any motion or request for reconsideration.



Chairman



Member



Acting Member



Member



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: October 20, 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 or years of the same general assessment period, as provided in Sections 9-125 through 9-225, 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 such subsequent year or years 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 OR YEARS. A separate petition and evidence must be filed for each of the remaining years of the general assessment period.

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.

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