



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

APPELLANT: Sidney Jain UPPJ Holding, LLC
DOCKET NO.: 15-01391.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-22-482-008

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Sidney Jain UPPJ Holding, LLC, the appellant, by Jessica Hill-Magiera, Attorney at Law, in Lake Zurich; and the Kane 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 **Kane** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$2,309
IMPR.: \$13,356
TOTAL: \$15,665

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Kane County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2015 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 part 1-story and part 2-story dwelling of frame construction with 2,208 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1900 and features a partial basement. The property has a 3,049 square foot site and is located in Aurora, Aurora Township, Kane County.

The appellant's appeal is based on overvaluation. In support of this argument the appellant completed Section IV - Recent Sale Data of the appeal and submitted a Settlement Statement and a PTAX-203 Illinois Real Estate Transfer Declaration disclosing the subject property was purchased on February 20, 2014 for a price of \$47,000 or \$21.29 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject was purchased from Fannie Mae A/K/A Federal National Mortgage Association, the sale was handled by a realtor and the sale was not between family or related corporations. The appellant disclosed that the property was advertised through the Multiple

Listing Service (MLS) and submitted an MLS Listing Sheet indicating the subject was on the market 66 days. The appellant also submitted an MLS Listing and Property History Report indicating the subject had previously been listed in May 2013 for \$66,900 and underwent a price reduction to \$52,900 prior to the listing being cancelled in August 2013. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to reflect the purchase price.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$29,892. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$89,739 or \$40.64 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2015 three-year average median level of assessment for Kane County of 33.31% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on five comparable sales. They are described as 2-story or part 1-story and part 2-story dwellings of frame construction built between 1900 and 1920. They range in size from 1,426 to 1,918 square feet of living area and feature basements. Four have central air conditioning, three have garages, and one has a fireplace. These comparables sold between August 2012 and August 2014 for prices ranging from \$95,000 to \$119,000 or from \$52.67 to \$66.62 per square foot of living area land included.

In rebuttal, the appellant's counsel claims the board of review does not dispute the recent sale of the subject, nor does it provide any evidence that the recent sale was not valid.

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 appellant provided evidence that the subject property sold on February 20, 2014 for a price of \$47,000 or \$21.29 per square foot of living area, including land. The Board finds the appellant provided evidence demonstrating the sale had elements of an arm's length transaction. The appellant completed Section IV - Recent Sale Data of the appeal and submitted a Settlement Statement, a PTAX-203 Illinois Real Estate Transfer Declaration, and an MLS Listing Sheet disclosing the property was purchased from Fannie Mae, the parties to the transaction were not related, the property was sold using a realtor, the property had been advertised through MLS and was on the market 66 days. The Board finds the best evidence of market value is the subject's sale in February 2014 for \$47,000. The Board finds the purchase price is below the market value reflected by the assessment and that the board of review did not present any substantive evidence to challenge the arm's length nature of the transaction or to refute the contention that the purchase price was reflective of market value. The Board gave less weight to the board of review comparable sales based on dated sales and/or smaller dwelling size as compared to the subject. Therefore, a reduction in the subject's assessment commensurate with the appellant's request is warranted.

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.