



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

APPELLANT: Brian Monge
DOCKET NO.: 15-01618.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-33-133-013

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Brian Monge, the appellant; and the Peoria 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 **Peoria** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$ 4,550
IMPR.: \$ 5,783
TOTAL: \$10,333

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Peoria 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 one-story dwelling of brick construction that has 1,833 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1930. The property features a full unfinished basement. The subject has a .13-acre site. The subject property is located in the City of Peoria Township, Peoria County, Illinois.

The appellant submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information pertaining to the sale of the subject property. The evidence shows subject property sold with the assistance of a Realtor in March 2015 for \$31,000. The appellant completed Section IV of the residential appeal petition disclosing the property was advertised for sale in the open market through the Multiple Listing Service (MLS). The property was exposed to the open market for approximately 112 days. The appellant submitted a copy of the settlement statement associated

with the sale of the subject property. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested 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 \$20,800. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$62,538 or \$34.12 per square foot of living area including land area when applying Peoria County's 2015 three-year average median level of assessment of 33.26%.

In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review submitted three comparable sales. Their proximate location in relation to the subject was not disclosed, but one comparable was located in the same "neighborhood number" as the subject. The comparables consist of one-story dwellings of unknown exterior construction that were built in 1925 or 1931. Features had varying degrees of similarity when compared to the subject. The dwellings range in size from 979 to 1,425 square feet of living area, but their site sizes were not disclosed. The comparables sold from May 2014 to May 2015 for prices ranging from \$50,000 to \$72,000 or from \$36.98 to \$73.54 per square foot of living area including land.

The board of review did not address nor refute the subject's sale price. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

Conclusion of Law

The appellant contends the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed valuation as a basis of the appeal. 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.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value contained in this record is the sale of the subject property in March 2015 for \$31,000. The Board finds the subject's sale meets the fundamental elements of an arm's-length transaction. There is no evidence suggesting the buyer and seller were related and the subject property was exposed to the open market for approximately 112 days. The Board finds there is no direct evidence the parties were under duress or compelled to buy or sell. The Illinois Supreme Court has defined fair cash value as what the property would bring at a voluntary sale where the owner is ready, willing, and able to sell but not compelled to do so, and the buyer is ready, willing and able to buy but not forced to do so. Springfield Marine Bank v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 44 Ill.2d 428, (1970). A contemporaneous sale of two parties dealing at arm's-length is not only relevant to the question of fair cash value but is practically conclusive on the issue of whether an assessment is reflective of market value. Korzen v. Belt Railway Co. of Chicago, 37 Ill.2d 158 (1967). The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$62,538, which is greater than the subject's recent arm's-length sale price of \$31,000. The Board finds the board of review did not address nor refute the arm's-length nature of the subject's sale.

The Board gave less weight to the comparable sales submitted by the board of review. Notwithstanding the lack of descriptive information pertaining to the comparables' proximate

location, exterior construction and site sizes, the Board finds the comparable sales do not overcome the subject's arm's-length sale price.

Based on this analysis, the Board finds the appellant has demonstrated the subject property was overvalued by a preponderance of the evidence and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted commensurate with the appellant's request.

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: September 22, 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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