



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

APPELLANT: Charles Bonner
DOCKET NO.: 15-20573.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 28-09-206-032-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Charles Bonner, the appellant, by attorney Timothy E. Moran, of Schmidt Salzman & Moran, Ltd in Chicago; 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: \$3,600
IMPR.: \$40,236
TOTAL: \$43,836

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Cook 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 three-story multi-family dwelling of masonry exterior construction with 6,078 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 34 years old. Features of the dwelling include six bathrooms and a full unfinished basement. The property has a 9,000 square foot site and is located in Midlothian, Bremen Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-11 apartment building property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends improvement assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on five equity comparables, one of which is located within the same neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables were improved with three-story multi-family dwellings of masonry exterior construction containing from 5,964 to 6,078 square feet of living area. The comparables are 36 or 37 years old. The

comparables feature six bathrooms and slab foundations. One comparable has a 1.5-car garage. The comparables had improvement assessments ranging from \$24,168 to \$32,616 or from \$4.05 to \$5.45 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the improvement assessment be reduced to \$32,079 or \$5.28 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$43,836. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$40,236 or \$6.62 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on three equity comparables, two of which are located within the same neighborhood code and same street as the subject property. The comparables were improved with three-story multi-family dwellings of masonry or frame and masonry exterior construction containing from 5,307 to 5,880 square feet of living area. The comparables range in age from 33 to 42 years old. The comparables feature six or nine bathrooms. Two comparables have a slab foundation, one comparable has a full unfinished basement and one comparable has a four-car garage. The comparables had improvement assessments ranging from \$31,895 to \$41,407 or from \$6.01 to \$7.04 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested that the assessment be confirmed.

Conclusion of Law

The taxpayer contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. When unequal treatment in the assessment process is the basis of the appeal, the inequity of the assessments must be proved by clear and convincing evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of unequal treatment in the assessment process should consist of documentation of the assessments for the assessment year in question of not less than three comparable properties showing the similarity, proximity and lack of distinguishing characteristics of the assessment comparables to the subject property. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(b). The Board finds the appellant did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted eight suggested comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparable #4 along with the board of review comparable #2 due to their superior garages when compared to the subject's lack of a garage. In addition, the board of review comparable #2 is considerably smaller in dwelling size when compared to the subject. The Board recognizes the appellant's comparables along with the board of review comparable #1 lack basements when compared to the subject's full basements.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be appellant's comparables, as well as the board of review comparables #1 and #3. These comparables, despite their lack of basements except for the board of review comparable #3, are most similar to the subject in location, design, exterior construction, age, dwelling size and features. The comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$24,168 to \$41,407 or from \$4.05 to \$7.04 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$40,236 or \$6.62 per square foot of living area is at the higher end of the range established by the most similar comparables contained in this record which appears justified with its full basement area. Based on this record the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed 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. 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



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: March 20, 2018



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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