



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

APPELLANT: 2548 Medill LLC
DOCKET NO.: 15-32521.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 13-36-204-016-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are 2548 Medill LLC, 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: \$5,737
IMPR.: \$22,653
TOTAL: \$28,390

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 two-story multi-family dwelling of frame exterior construction with 1,844 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 127 years old. Features include a full unfinished basement, central air conditioning and a three-car detached garage. The property has a 2,550-square foot site and is located in Chicago, West Chicago Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-11 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of the overvaluation argument, the appellant disclosed the subject was purchased on July 23, 2012 for a price of \$200,000. To document the sale, the appellant submitted a copy of the Special Warranty Deed, Escrow Trust Disbursement Statement and the Purchase and Sale Agreement. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the total assessment be reduced to \$20,000.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$28,390. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$283,900 or \$153.96 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the level of assessments for class 2 property of 10% under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The board of review submitted four comparable sales located within the same neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables consist of two-story multi-family dwellings that range in age from 125 to 133 years old. The comparables had features with varying degrees of similarity when compared to the subject. The dwellings range in size from 1,880 to 2,206 square feet of living area and are situated on sites ranging in size from 2,875 to 3,707 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from April 2013 to August 2015 for prices ranging from \$268,000 to \$445,500 or from \$121.49 to \$236.97 per square foot of living area including land.

The board of review provided a brief to its notes on appeal arguing the sale of the subject property should be given no weight because the appellant failed to provide evidence of the arm's length transaction. The board of review also provided a printout from the Cook County Recorder of Deeds regarding the sales history of the property.

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. 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 the best evidence of market value to be the board of review's comparables #1, #2 and #4. These properties sold proximate in time to the January 1, 2015 assessment date at issue and were similar to the subject in location, age, size, dwelling design and features. The comparables sold for prices ranging from \$268,000 to \$445,500 or from \$121.49 to \$236.97 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's total assessment reflects a market value of \$283,900 or \$153.96 per square foot of living area, including land which falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. The Board gave little weight to the subject's October 2012 sale date. The Board finds that the appellant failed to disclose if the property was advertised for sale, the manner on how it was advertised and the length of time on the market, which are important elements when demonstrating the sale had the elements of an arm's length transaction. The board of review stated that the subject sale did not have the elements of an arm's length transaction and the appellant did not refute this claim. Additionally, the Board gave less weight to the board of review's sale #3 due to its April 2013 sale date which is not proximate in time to the January 1, 2015 assessment date at issue. Based on this record the Board finds the subject's assessment is reflective of 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. Pursuant to Section 1910.50(d) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(d)) 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



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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: June 19, 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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