



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

APPELLANT: T. Ksiezak & J. Midlothi
DOCKET NO.: 15-35575.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 33-30-304-010-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are T. Ksiezak & J. Midlothi, the appellants, by 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 **A Reduction** 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: \$1,650
IMPR.: \$1,050
TOTAL: \$2,700

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellants 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 parcel is improved with a one-story frame dwelling. The dwelling is 44 years old and contains 900 square feet of living area. Features include a partial unfinished basement and a one-car garage. The site contains 6,600 square feet of land area. It is located in neighborhood 162 in Sauk Village, Bloom Township, Cook County and is classified as a class 2-02 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellants contend overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellants submitted information on eight comparable properties. They are described as one-story dwellings built between 1963 and 1974 and ranging in size from 900 to 925 square feet of living area. They feature one or two-car garages. Three of the comparables have basements, one with finished area, and five have no basements. The comparables are located in neighborhood code 162. They sold between July 2014 and April 2015 for prices ranging from \$2,000 to

\$28,700 or from \$2.18 to \$31.68 per square foot of living area including land. The appellants did not report information on classification codes, exterior construction or land sizes for the comparables. Appellants' comparables #3 and #7 have the same street address but different parcel numbers and different sale dates. The descriptions are identical except for garage size. The street address of these two comparables is the same street address as board of review comparable #4, which has the same parcel number as appellants' comparable #3. Based on this evidence, the appellants requested the total assessment be reduced to \$1,715 or a market value of approximately \$17,150 or \$19.06 per square foot of living area including land when applying the Cook County Real Property Assessment Ordinance level of assessment for class 2 property.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$4,854. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of approximately \$48,540 or \$53.93 per square foot of living area, land included.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables. They had varying degrees of similarity as compared to the subject. Although the board of review listed no sale information for comparable #4, counsel for the appellants claims it is the same property as appellants' comparable #3 and that it recently sold. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

In written rebuttal, counsel for the appellants asserted the appellants' comparables are better than the board of review comparables since three comparables had not sold. Counsel claims appellants' comparables #3, #4 and #5 are the best comparable sales in the record.

Conclusion of Law

The appellants contend 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 evidence in the record supports a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The appellants' counsel did not provide any information on site sizes of the comparables. The Board takes issue with appellants' comparables #3 and #7 and board of review comparable #4. Although the three comparables have the same street address and descriptions, appellants' comparables #3 and #7 have different parcel numbers. Generally, two parcel numbers with the same street address indicate the home site consists of two parcels. However, without site size information or an explanation, the Board cannot determine if this is the situation and therefore gave these comparables less weight. Appellants' comparables #1, #2, #5, #6 and #8 were given less weight since they lacked basements. The Board gave no weight to the board of review comparables since the basis of the appeal was overvaluation and of the board of review did not report sale information. The Board finds, however, the evidence in the record supports a reduction in the assessment.

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



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: _____

May 15, 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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