



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

APPELLANT: Christina Ward
DOCKET NO.: 15-37044.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-32-312-053-1001

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Christina Ward, the appellant(s), by attorney Gregory J. Lisinski, Attorney at Law in Evanston; 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: \$5,846
IMPR.: \$41,654
TOTAL: \$47,500

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 one unit in a three unit residential condominium building. The property is a class 2-99 residential condominium under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance (hereinafter "Ordinance") and is located in Chicago, West Township, Cook County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted evidence showing that the subject sold on August 30, 2013 for \$475,000. This evidence included copies of the settlement statement. The appellant's pleadings regarding Section IV- Recent Sale Data confirmed the closing date, sale price, that the parties to the transaction were not related, and that the subject was advertised for sale using a realtor and the MLS. In addition, the appellant submitted an appraisal for a different property with a PIN #14-32-312-030-0000.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$56,344. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$563,440 when using the 10% level of assessment as determined by the Cook County Real Property Classification Ordinance.

In support of the assessment, the board of review submitted a table of all the subject units' percentage of ownership and assessed value prepared by Ashton Language, an analyst with the Cook County Board of Review. The evidence also included three sale comparables which sold in September 2013 for prices ranging from \$370,000 to \$475,000. The subject's sale in August 2013 was included in the three sale comparables. Based on these three sale comparables, the analyst deducted \$128,499 as an adjustment factor, and concluded a total full value for the subject property of \$1,156,650. 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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the purchase of the subject property in August 2013 for a price of \$475,000. The appellant provided evidence demonstrating the sale had the elements of an arm's length transaction and in support of the transaction, the appellant submitted a copy of the settlement statement. The Board finds the purchase price is below the market value reflected by the assessment. Based on this record, the Board finds the subject property had a market value of \$475,000 as of January 1, 2015. Since market value has been determined, the 10% level of assessment as determined by the Cook County Real Property Classification Ordinance shall apply.

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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