



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

APPELLANT: Houshmand Ghorbanpour
DOCKET NO.: 15-39679.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 10-27-409-044-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Houshmand Ghorbanpour, the appellant, by attorney Stephanie Park, of Park & Longstreet, P.C. in Rolling Meadows; 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: \$4,671
IMPR.: \$11,929
TOTAL: \$16,600

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) 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 60-year-old one-story dwelling of frame construction. The dwelling has 1,622 square feet of living area. Features of the home include a full basement that is partially finished, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a one-car garage. The property is located in Skokie, Niles Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-03 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant's appeal is based on overvaluation and assessment equity. In support of the overvaluation argument the appellant submitted evidence disclosing the subject property was purchased on June 22, 2012 for a price of \$166,000. The appellant also submitted an appraisal estimating the subject had a market value of \$166,000 as of April 14, 2012.

The appellant's evidence also included an equity grid analysis containing four comparables to show the subject was not being assessed uniformly, however, the analysis was being compared to a property located at 601 E. Elk Grove Boulevard, which is not the subject's address. Therefore, the Board will not consider the appellant's equity complaint further.

Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's total assessment to \$16,600.

The appellant's submission revealed that the subject had a total assessment of \$18,000. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$180,000, 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 did not timely submit any evidence in support of the assessment of the subject property or to refute the appellant's argument as required by section 1910.40(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board and is found to be in default pursuant to section 1910.69(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. (86 Ill.Admin.Code 1910.40(a) & 1910.69(a)).

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 June 2012 for a price of \$166,000, even though the sale occurred greater than 30 months prior to the January 1, 2015 assessment date. The appellant provided limited evidence demonstrating the sale had the elements of an arm's length transaction. The appellant partially completed Section IV - Recent Sale Data of the appeal disclosing the property was sold by the owner, the property was sold using a Realtor, the property had been advertised on the open market with the Multiple Listing Service and it had been on the market for a "few months." In further support of the transaction, the appellant submitted a copy of the settlement statement disclosing the amount of broker's commission paid at closing. The Board finds the purchase price is below the market value reflected by the assessment. The Board further finds the appraisal submitted by the appellant support the subject's sale price.

Based on this record the Board finds the subject's assessment is not reflective of market value and a reduction in the subject's assessment commensurate with the appellant's request is 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



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 19, 2019



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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