



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

APPELLANT: Thorntons Inc.
DOCKET NO.: 16-04736.001-C-1
PARCEL NO.: 12-027-016-96

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Thorntons Inc., the appellant, by Robert W. McQuellon III, Attorney at Law, in Peoria, and the Logan 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 **Logan** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$ 36,290
IMPR.: \$868,710
TOTAL: \$905,000

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Logan County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2016 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 one-story commercial building used as a service station-truck stop with 13,520 square feet of building area. The building was constructed in 1994. The property has a 12.46-acre site and is located in Lincoln, West Lincoln Township, Logan County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on three comparable sales located in Oakwood, Hampshire and Dwight, Illinois. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 1.38 to 15-acres of land area which have been improved with one-story commercial masonry constructed truck stop/service station facilities. The comparable buildings range in size from 7,369 to 13,770 square feet of building area; the age of comparable #2 was reported as 1967 and no age data was reported for either of the other two properties. The comparables sold from December 2013 to June 2015 for prices ranging from \$650,000 to \$1,250,000 or from \$53.25 to \$102.63 per square foot of building area, including land.

The appellant also submitted a copy of the decision of the board of review disclosing the subject property had a total assessment of \$1,000,760 reflecting a market value of \$3,010,710 or \$222.69 per square foot of building area, including land, when using the 2016 three-year average median level of assessment for Logan County of 33.24% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

Based on the foregoing comparable sales data, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$905,000 which would reflect a market value of \$2,722,623 or \$201.38 per square foot of building area, including land.

The board of review did not submit its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" nor any evidence in support of its assessed valuation of the subject property.

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 only evidence of market value to be the comparable sales submitted by the appellant. These three comparables sold for prices that ranged from \$650,000 to \$1,250,000 or from \$53.25 to \$102.63 per square foot of building area, land included. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$3,010,710 or \$222.69 per square foot of building area, which falls substantially above the range established by the only comparable sales in this record.

The board of review did not submit any evidence in support of its assessment of the subject property 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).

The Property Tax Appeal Board has examined the evidence submitted by the appellant and finds that a reduction in the assessed valuation of the subject property commensurate with the appellant's request is warranted.

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: April 23, 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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