



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

APPELLANT: Edward & Kristen Casas
DOCKET NO.: 09-35894.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 05-27-107-010-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Edward & Kristen Casas, the appellant(s), by attorney Howard W. Melton, of Raila & Associates, P.C. in Chicago; and the Cook County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented, 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: \$ 24,318
IMPR.: \$ 218,688
TOTAL: \$ 243,006

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject contains 13,896 square feet of land and is improved with an 94 year old, two-story, stucco, single-family dwelling. The subject's improvement size is 6,406 square feet of living area, and its total assessment is \$243,006. The subject is located in New Trier Township, Cook County.

The subject property is an owner occupied residence that was the subject matter of an appeal before the Property Tax Appeal Board (the "Board") in 2008 under docket number 08-23028.001-R-1. In that appeal, the Board rendered a decision lowering the subject's assessment to \$267,000 based on a stipulated agreement entered into between the parties.

The Cook County Board of Review submitted its "Board of Review-Notes on Appeal," wherein the subject's total assessment of \$243,006 was disclosed. In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review submitted descriptive and assessment information for three properties suggested as comparable to the subject to demonstrate the subject was assessed uniformly.

After reviewing the record and considering the evidence, the Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal.

Section 16-185 of the Illinois Property Tax Code provides, in relevant part:

If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel on which a residence occupied by the owner is situated, such reduced assessment, subject to equalization, shall remain in effect for the remainder of the general assessment period as provided in Sections 9-215 through 9-225, unless that parcel is subsequently sold in an arm's length transaction establishing a fair cash value for the parcel that is different from the fair cash value on which the Board's assessment is based, or unless the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board is reversed or modified upon review.

35 ILCS 200/16-185. The Board takes judicial notice that it rendered a decision lowering the subject's assessment in tax year 2008, and that 2008 and 2009 are in the same general assessment period for New Trier Township. The record indicates that the subject is an owner occupied dwelling. The record contains no evidence indicating that the subject sold in an arm's length transaction subsequent to the Board's 2008 decision, or that the Board's 2008 decision was reversed or modified upon review.

The Property Tax Appeal Board recognizes that section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) provides that the prior year's decision lowering the assessment should be carried forward to the 2009 tax year, subject only to equalization, where the property is an owner-occupied residence and the tax years are within the same general assessment period. However, the Board finds that in this case doing so would result in an increase in the subject's total assessment to \$267,000. The

Board finds that an increase in the subject's assessment would result in an inequitable assessment in contravention of the Board's authority to base each decision upon equity and the weight of the evidence. (35 ILCS 200/16-185). The comparables in the record range in assessment from \$39.92 to \$47.11 per square foot of living area. The subject's assessment is \$34.14 per square foot of living area and is below the range of the comparables. No market evidence was submitted by the appellant.

Therefore, based on the foregoing analysis, the Board finds no change in the subject's assessment is justified for the 2009 tax year.

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.

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DISSENTING:

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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 20, 2015

A. Portal

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 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 the subsequent year 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.

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.