

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Carolyn Fortman
DOCKET NO.: 03-30768.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 13-25-304-027-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Carolyn Fortman, the appellant, by attorney Edward Larkin of Larkin & Larkin of Park Ridge and the Cook County Board of Review.

The subject property consists of a 108-year-old, two-story, two-unit apartment building of masonry construction containing 2,420 square feet of living area and located in West Township, Cook County. The apartment property includes two bathrooms, a full basement and no garage.

The appellant's attorney submitted evidence claiming unequal treatment in the assessment process as the basis of the appeal. In support of the equity argument, the appellant offered three suggested comparable properties located within a quarter mile of the subject. These properties consist of three-story, three-unit apartment buildings of masonry construction and range in age from 76 to 104 years. The comparables include three bathrooms and full basements. All of the comparables have two or three-car garages. The comparables contain between 3,900 and 5,460 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments ranging from \$42,192 to \$49,994 or from \$9.15 to \$10.82 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's final improvement assessment of \$31,313, or \$12.94 per square foot of living area, was disclosed. In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review offered three suggested comparable properties located within a block of the subject. The comparables consist of two-story, two-unit buildings of masonry construction. The comparables range in age from 97 to 108 years and have full basements. They each have

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Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds no change 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: \$ 5,280
IMPR. \$31,313
TOTAL: \$36,593

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

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two bathrooms. Each site has a two-car garage. The comparable properties range in size from 2,014 to 2,148 square feet of living area with improvement assessments ranging from \$29,591 to \$35,081 or from \$14.24 to \$17.41 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject property's assessment.

After reviewing the record and considering the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal. The Illinois Supreme Court has held that taxpayers who object to an assessment on the basis of lack of uniformity bear the burden of proving the disparity of assessment valuations by clear and convincing evidence. Kankakee County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 131 Ill.2d 1 (1989). The evidence must demonstrate a consistent pattern of assessment inequities within the assessment jurisdiction. After an analysis of the assessment data, the Board finds the appellant has failed to overcome this burden.

Both parties submitted a total of six suggested comparable properties. The PTAB finds the board's comparables similar to the subject in most features but with some differences in living area. The appellant's comparables are found much less similar in living area. The board's comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$14.24 to \$17.41 per square foot of living area. The subject's per square foot improvement assessment of \$12.94 is below this range of properties. After considering the differences in both parties' suggested comparables when compared to the subject property, the PTAB finds the evidence submitted into the record is insufficient to effect an assessment change.

As a result of this analysis, the PTAB finds the appellant did not adequately demonstrate that the subject apartment building was inequitably assessed by clear and convincing evidence and a reduction is not 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.



Chairman



Member



Member



Member



Member

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: December 7, 2007



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.