

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Richard Ramello  
DOCKET NO.: 04-21898.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 02-08-206-010-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB) are Richard Ramello, the appellant, by attorney Brian Berry of Storino, Ramello & Durkin of Rosemont and the Cook County Board of Review (board).

The subject property consists of a 17-year-old, two-story single-family dwelling of frame construction containing 1,832 square feet of living area and located in Palatine Township, Cook County. The residence contains one and one-half bathrooms, a partial basement, air conditioning and a two-car garage.

The appellant, through counsel, appeared before the PTAB and submitted evidence claiming unequal treatment in the assessment process as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant offered three suggested comparable properties located within a quarter to two and one half miles of the subject. These properties consist of two-story single-family dwellings of frame construction and range in age from 27 to 33 years. The comparables have two bathrooms, one with a half-bath and full or partial basements. The homes are air-conditioned and all have two-car garages. The comparables contain between 1,968 and 1,978 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments ranging from \$22,658 to \$23,867 or from \$11.47 to \$12.07 per square foot of living area. The total assessments range from \$34,067 to \$36,258. The subject's total assessment is \$34,549. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's final total assessment of \$34,549 and improvement assessment of \$28,674, or \$15.65 per square foot of living area, was disclosed. In support of the subject's assessment, the board offered one suggested comparable property located within a quarter mile of the subject. The comparable consists of a two-story single-family dwelling of frame construction and is 17 years old. The comparable contains two and one half bathrooms, a partial basement, air conditioning, a fireplace and a two-car garage. The comparable contains 1,761 square feet of living area

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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: \$ 5,875  
IMPR. \$28,674  
TOTAL: \$34,549

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

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with an improvement assessment of \$28,111 or \$15.96 per square foot of living area. The comparable's total assessment is \$34,231. Based on this evidence, the board requested confirmation of the subject property's assessment.

After hearing the testimony and considering the evidence, the PTAB 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 PTAB finds the appellant has failed to overcome this burden.

Both parties submitted a total of four suggested comparables which the PTAB finds somewhat similar to the subject. The four properties have improvement assessments ranging from \$11.47 to \$15.96 per square foot of living area. The subject's per square foot improvement assessment of \$15.65 is within the range of these properties. Of the four comparables the PTAB finds the appellant's comparables one and three quite distant from the subject; all three have much larger lots and they are older buildings. Two of the appellant's comparables suggested as similar to the subject have higher total assessments. Therefore, the PTAB gives less weight to the appellant's evidence. The board's single comparable is the property most similar to the subject but the board's evidence is insufficient to effect a change in the subject's assessment. After considering the suggested comparables when compared to the subject property, the PTAB finds the four submitted comparables are insufficient to effect a change in the subject's current assessment.

As a result of this analysis, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds the appellant failed to adequately demonstrate that the subject dwelling was inequitably assessed by clear and convincing evidence and no reduction 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.



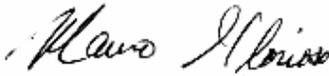
Chairman



Member



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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: January 23, 2009



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.