

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Sidney Ashmore  
DOCKET NO.: 04-26217.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 05-18-309-005-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB) are Sidney Ashmore, the appellant, by attorney Mitchell L. Klein of Schiller, Klein & McElroy, PC of Chicago and the Cook County Board of Review (board).

The subject property consists of a 47-year-old, one and part two-story single-family dwelling of frame and masonry construction containing 2,918 square feet of living area and located in New Trier Township, Cook County. The residence contains two and one-half bathrooms, no basement, air conditioning, fireplaces and a two-car garage.

The appellant, through counsel, submitted evidence before the PTAB 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 mile of the subject. These properties consist of class 2-04 single-family dwellings of frame and masonry construction and range in age from 44 to 52 years. The comparables have two or three bathrooms and two homes have partial basements. The homes are air-conditioned and have fireplaces and two-car garages. The comparables contain between 2,581 and 3,785 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments ranging from \$27,902 to \$47,471 or from \$10.81 to \$13.16 per square foot of living area. 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 improvement assessment of \$55,082, or \$18.88 per square foot of living area, was disclosed. In support of the subject's assessment, the board offered four suggested comparable properties located within four blocks of the subject. The comparables consist of one story or one and part two-story single-family dwellings of frame and masonry or masonry construction and range in age from 47 to 48 years. The comparables contain two, three or four bathrooms with some half-baths, two with partial basements; three have air conditioning,

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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: \$36,862  
IMPR.: \$55,082  
TOTAL: \$91,944

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

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all have fireplaces and all have one, two or three-car garages. The comparables range in size from 2,287 to 3,120 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments of between \$46,901 and \$60,656 or from \$19.12 to \$20.51 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board requested confirmation of the subject property's assessment.

After reviewing the record 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.

The PTAB finds both parties submitted a total of seven comparables suggested as similar to the subject. The PTAB finds the board's comparable one is similar to the subject and the remaining six comparables are less similar due to differences in living area or construction materials. These seven properties have improvement assessments ranging from \$10.81 to \$20.51 per square foot of living area. The subject's per square foot improvement assessment of \$18.88 is within 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 is insufficient to effect a change in the subject's 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: October 31, 2008



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.