

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Morette
DOCKET NO.: 04-27269.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 05-17-203-024-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB) are Morette, the appellant, by attorney Arnold G. Siegel of Chicago and the Cook County Board of Review (board).

The subject property consists of a four-year-old, two-story single-family dwelling of masonry construction containing 7,760 square feet of living area and located in New Trier Township, Cook County. The residence contains four full bathrooms and two half-baths, a full finished basement, air conditioning, four fireplaces and a three-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 seven suggested comparable properties located within three blocks of the subject. These properties consist of two-story single-family dwellings of masonry or frame and masonry construction and range in age from one to 122 years. The comparables have four, five or six bathrooms with half-baths and all properties have full or partial basements, three finished. All homes have air-conditioning, fireplaces and all have one, two or three-car garages. The comparables contain between 6,968 and 7,626 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments ranging from \$158,034 to \$222,976 or from \$22.19 to \$32.00 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 \$337,012, or \$43.43 per square foot of living area, was disclosed. In support of the subject's assessment, the board offered two suggested comparable properties located within a quarter mile of the subject. The comparables consist of two-story single-family dwellings of masonry construction and are four years old. The comparables contain four or six bathrooms with half-baths and have full basements, both finished; both have air conditioning; four fireplaces and both have two-car garages. The comparables

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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: \$ 50,479
IMPR.: \$237,021
TOTAL: \$287,500

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

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contain 5,832 and 8,903 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments of \$268,272 and \$427,709 or \$46.00 and \$48.04 per square foot of living area. The board disclosed the subject was purchased in October 2002 for \$3,875,000. 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 overcome this burden.

The PTAB finds the appellant's comparables one, two, four and six are similar to the subject but with some differences in living area. These four properties have improvement assessments ranging from \$22.19 to \$26.06 per square foot of living area. The subject's per square foot improvement assessment of \$43.43 is above this range of properties. The PTAB gives less weight to the remaining five comparables because they are less similar to the subject in living area, construction materials or age. After considering the 2002 purchase price and the suggested comparables when compared to the subject property, the PTAB finds the evidence submitted is sufficient to effect a change in the subject's assessment.

As a result of this analysis, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds the appellant has adequately demonstrated that the subject dwelling was inequitably assessed by clear and convincing evidence and a 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



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: May 27, 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.