

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Jadwiga Debicka  
DOCKET NO.: 05-22012.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 12-16-311-089-1011

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jadwiga Debicka, the appellant, by attorney Melissa K. Whitley of Marino & Associates in Chicago, and the Cook County Board of Review.

The subject property consists of a residential condominium unit with an 11.99% ownership interest in a fifteen-unit, 40-year-old, residential condo building situated on a 10,803 square foot parcel located in Leyden Township, Cook County.

The appellant submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board arguing that the subject's fair market value is not accurately reflected in its assessment. In support of this argument, the appellant's evidence disclosed that the subject was purchased in October 2003 for a price of \$145,000; the sale was not a transfer between family or related corporations; the subject was sold in settlement of a contract for deed and the seller's mortgage was not assumed. In addition, the appellant submitted a copy of the subject's settlement statement. Based upon this information, the appellant requested an assessment reflective of a fair market value for the subject of \$145,000.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the subject's total assessment of \$18,201. In addition, the board of review provided a copy of the subject's property characteristic printouts as well as copies of documentation from the board of review level complaint file. Based on the evidence presented, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

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

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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: \$ 1,398  
IMPR.: \$ 12,769  
TOTAL: \$ 14,167

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

When market value is the basis of the appeal the value of the property must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. National City Bank of Michigan/Illinois v. Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board, 331 Ill.App.3d 1038 (3<sup>rd</sup> Dist, 2002); Winnebago County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 313 Ill.App.3d 179 (2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. 2000). Proof of market value may consist of an appraisal, a recent arms-length sale of the subject property, recent sales of comparable properties, or recent construction costs of the subject property. (86 Ill.Adm.Code §1910.65(c)) Having reviewed the record and considering the evidence, the Board finds the appellant has satisfied this burden.

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Therefore, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that the subject had a market value of \$145,000 as of January 1, 2005. The Board further finds that the 2005 Illinois Department of Revenue's three-year median level of assessments of 9.77% for Class 2 property shall apply 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



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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: June 19, 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.