

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Marc Jensen  
DOCKET NO.: 05-22391.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 03-26-311-031-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Marc Jensen, the appellant and the Cook County Board of Review.

The subject property consists of a 42-year-old, split-level single-family dwelling of frame and masonry construction containing 1,236 square feet of living area and located in Wheeling Township, Cook County. The residence contains two bathrooms, a finished partial basement, air conditioning, a fireplace and a two-car garage.

The appellant 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 four suggested comparable properties located within three blocks of the subject. These properties consist of split-level single-family dwellings of frame or frame and masonry construction and range in age from 40 to 44 years. The comparables have two or one and one half bathrooms and finished partial basements. Two homes are air-conditioned and all have two-car garages. The comparables contain between 1,176 and 1,329 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments ranging from \$18,764 to \$21,761 or from \$15.94 to \$17.09 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 \$21,939, or \$17.75 per square foot of living area, was disclosed. In support of the subject's assessment, the board offered three suggested comparable properties located within a block of the subject. The comparables consist of split-level single-family dwellings of frame and masonry construction and are 43 years old. The comparables contain one or two bathrooms, full or partial

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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: \$ 6,265  
IMPR. \$21,939  
TOTAL: \$28,204

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

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finished basements, air conditioning and all have one or two-car garages. The comparables contain 1,208 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments of between \$21,901 and \$22,204 or from \$18.13 to \$18.38 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 the board's comparables are very similar to the subject with some very small differences in living area. These properties have improvement assessments ranging from \$18.13 to \$18.38 per square foot of living area. The subject's per square foot improvement assessment of \$17.75 is below this range of properties. The PTAB affords less weight to the appellant's comparables because they are slightly less similar to the subject in living area, location and construction. After considering the similarities and differences in the suggested comparables when compared to the subject property, the PTAB finds the evidence 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 are 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: September 28, 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.