

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Mark Baumhart
DOCKET NO.: 05-24555.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 08-11-412-014-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB) are Mark Baumhart, the appellant, by attorney Joseph G. Kusper of Storino, Ramello & Durkin of Rosemont and the Cook County Board of Review (board).

The subject property consists of a 64-year-old, two-story, class 2-05 dwelling of masonry construction containing 2,180 square feet of living area and located in Elk Grove Township, Cook County. The residence includes one and one half bathrooms, a partial 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 four suggested comparable properties located within a quarter mile of the subject. These properties consist of two-story, class 2-07 or two-story class 2-05 dwellings of frame and masonry or masonry construction, and range in age from 47 to 101 years. The comparables include two bathrooms, most with half baths, full or partial basements, two with air conditioning and one with a fireplace. Three comparables have two-car garages. The comparables contain between 1,943 and 2,148 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments ranging from \$22,511 to \$25,928 or from \$11.59 to \$13.22 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's final improvement assessment of \$33,537, or \$15.38 per square foot of living area, was disclosed. In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review offered four suggested comparable class 2-05 properties located within a quarter mile of the subject. The comparables consist of two-story dwellings of frame construction. The comparables range in age from 63 to 76 years, with full or partial basements, two finished. The comparables have one and one half bathrooms, two

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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: \$ 6,257
IMPR. \$33,537
TOTAL: \$39,794

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

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with air conditioning; all have fireplaces and one-car garages. The comparable properties contain between 1,726 and 1,915 square feet of living area with improvement assessments of between \$26,750 and \$30,096 or from \$15.64 to \$17.10 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject property's assessment.

After reviewing the record and considering the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal. The appellant's argument was unequal treatment in the assessment process. 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 Board finds the appellant has failed to overcome this burden.

The PTAB finds none of the submitted eight comparables are similar enough to the subject to demonstrate assessment equity or inequity. These properties, without adjustments, have improvement assessments ranging from \$11.59 to \$17.10 per square foot of living area. The subject's per square foot improvement assessment of \$15.38 is within this range of properties. The PTAB gives little weight to the eight suggested comparables because they are less similar to the subject in living area or age or construction materials or building classification. After considering 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 PTAB finds the appellant did not adequately demonstrate that the subject property was inequitably assessed by clear and convincing evidence and a reduction is not warranted.

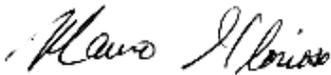
This is a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board which is subject to review in the Circuit Court or Appellate Court under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.) and section 16-195 of the Property Tax Code.



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: August 24, 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.