

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Joseph Walsh
DOCKET NO.: 06-20439.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-07-416-001-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Joseph Walsh, the appellant, by attorney Rusty A. Payton of the Law Offices of Rusty A. Payton, P.C., Chicago, Illinois; and the Cook County Board of Review.

The subject property is a 99-year old, two-story stucco dwelling containing 2,960 square feet of living area. The dwelling has an unfinished basement, two fireplaces, and a two-car attached garage.

The appellant submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming unequal treatment in the assessment process. The appellant submitted three suggested comparable properties located in close proximity to the subject. The comparables are described as two-story stucco dwellings that are between 85 and 99 years old. Features had varying degrees of similarity and dissimilarity when compared to the subject. The comparables contain from 2,282 to 3,190 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments ranging from \$9.99 to \$15.40 per square foot of living area. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$17.76 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 assessment was disclosed. In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review presented property characteristic sheets and an assessment analysis of three suggested comparables located in close proximity to the subject. The comparables consist of two-story stucco dwellings that are 94 to 96 years old. Features had varying degrees of similarity and dissimilarity when compared to the subject. The dwellings contain from 2,741 to 3,221 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments of \$18.08 to

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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:	\$	12,949
IMPR.:	\$	52,564
TOTAL:	\$	65,513

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

\$19.13 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, 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 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). After an analysis of the assessment data, the Board finds the appellant has not overcome this burden.

The Board finds parties submitted six suggested comparables for the consideration. The Board gave less weight to one comparable due to its dissimilar size and age when compared to the subject. The Board finds five comparables submitted by the parties to be most similar to the subject in age, size, design, features and location. These most similar comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$9.99 to \$19.13 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$17.76 per square foot of living area is within this range. After considering adjustments for any differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's improvement assessment is supported 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



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: April 25, 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.