

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Ruben Esparza  
DOCKET NO.: 06-23077.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 19-23-131-072-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Ruben Esparza, the appellant, by attorney Julie Realmuto of McCarthy & Duffy, in Chicago, and the Cook County Board of Review.

The subject property is a 50-year old, one-story style dwelling of masonry construction containing 1,141 square feet of living area with a full unfinished basement.

The appellant's appeal is based on unequal treatment in the assessment process. The appellant submitted four comparable properties described as one-story or one and one-half-story masonry dwellings that are 57 to 73 years old for consideration. Three comparables have unfinished basements, while one has no basement. The comparables contain 1,246 to 1,396 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments of \$13.16 to \$14.06 per square foot. The subject's improvement assessment is \$17.16 per square foot. 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. The board of review presented three comparable properties consisting of one-story masonry dwellings that are 51 to 54 years old. These properties have full unfinished basements, contain 1,086 to 1,146 square feet and have improvement assessments of \$17.22 to \$18.00 per square foot. 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

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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:	\$	4,649
IMPR.:	\$	19,577
TOTAL:	\$	24,226

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

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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 the comparables submitted by the board of review were most similar to the subject in size, design, exterior construction, features and age. These comparables received the greatest weight in the Board's analysis. The range established by the most similar comparables contained in this record is \$17.22 to \$18.00 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$17.15 per square foot of living area falls below this range. After considering adjustments and the differences in both parties' comparables when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's per square foot improvement assessment is supported and a reduction in the subject's assessment 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



Member



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 27, 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.