



**FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD**

APPELLANT: Richard Hughes
DOCKET NO.: 06-23768.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-29-308-025-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB) are Richard Hughes, the appellant, by attorney Lisa A. Marino, of Marino & Assoc., PC in Chicago; and the Cook County Board of Review.

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: \$ 12,241
IMPR.: \$ 40,151
TOTAL: \$ 52,392

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property consists of a 3,100 square foot parcel improved with a 115-year-old, two-story multi-family dwelling of frame construction containing 2,210 square feet of living area with two full bathrooms, a full-finished basement and a two-car detached garage. The subject is located in Lake View Township, Cook County.

The appellant, through counsel, appeared before the PTAB arguing unequal treatment in the assessment process of the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this claim, the appellant submitted assessment data and descriptive information on four properties suggested as comparable to the subject. Based on the appellant's documents, the four suggested comparables consist of multi-story, multi-family dwellings of frame, masonry or frame and masonry construction located within seven blocks of the subject. The improvements range in size from 2,737 to 3,000 square feet of living area and range in age from 97 to 116 years old. The comparables contain two or three full bathrooms. Three comparables have a finished basement and two comparables have a

multi-car detached garage. The improvement assessments range from \$11.45 to \$16.27 per square foot of living area.

At hearing, the appellant's attorney argued that three of the appellant's comparables are located within one block of the subject property. Based on the evidence submitted, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the subject's total assessment of \$52,392. The subject's improvement assessment is \$40,151 or \$18.16 per square foot of living area. In support of the assessment the board submitted property characteristic printouts and descriptive data on three properties suggested as comparable to the subject. The suggested comparables are improved with two-story, multi-family dwellings of frame or masonry construction located on the same street and block as the subject. The improvements range in size from 1,758 to 2,218 square feet of living area and range in age from 80 to 118 years old. The comparables contain two full bathrooms. Two comparables have a full-unfinished basement and two comparables have a two-car detached garage. The improvement assessments range from \$19.17 to \$24.16 per square foot of living area.

At hearing, the board's representative stated that the board of review would rest on the written evidence submissions. Based on the evidence presented, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

After hearing the testimony 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 PTAB finds the appellant has not overcome this burden.

The PTAB finds the appellant's comparable three and the board of review's comparables one and three to be the most similar properties to the subject in the record. These three properties are similar to the subject in improvement size, location, amenities and age and have improvement assessments ranging from \$16.14 to \$24.16 per square foot of living area. The subject's per square foot improvement assessment of \$18.16 falls within the range established by these properties. The PTAB finds the remaining comparables differ from the subject in improvement size, age and/or exterior construction and accorded less weight. After considering adjustments and the differences in both parties' comparables when compared to the subject, the PTAB finds

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the subject's improvement assessment is equitable 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.

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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 24, 2011

Allen Castrovillari

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.