



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

APPELLANT: Cathleen Bottini  
DOCKET NO.: 06-23845.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 14-17-309-016-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Cathleen Bottini, the appellant(s), 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:** \$15,509  
**IMPR.:** \$47,588  
**TOTAL:** \$63,097

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**ANALYSIS**

The subject property consists of a 3,125 square foot parcel of land improved with a 106-year old, two-story, frame, single-family dwelling containing 1,462 square feet of living area, one and one-half baths, and a full, unfinished basement. The appellant argued that the subject property is not equitably assessed as the basis of the appeal.

In support of the equity argument, appellant submitted descriptions and assessment information on a total of four properties suggested as comparable and located within three blocks of the subject. The properties are described as two-story, masonry, single-family dwellings two or two and one-half baths, full, unfinished basement, and, for one property, air conditioning. The properties range: in age from 103 to 108 years; in size from 1,850 to 1,944 square feet of living area; and in improvement assessment from \$22.95 to \$27.37 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 improvement assessment of \$47,588 or \$32.55 per square foot of living area was disclosed. In support of the assessment, the board of review presented descriptions and assessment information on a four properties suggested as comparable and located within the one-quarter mile of the subject with three on the subject's block. The properties are described as two-story, frame, single-family dwelling with two baths, a full basement with one finished, and, for one property, air conditioning. The properties range: in age from 105 to 110 years; in size from 1,524 to 1,664 square feet of living area; and in improvement assessments from \$36.62 to \$42.79 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 appellant contends unequal treatment in the subject's improvement assessment as the basis of the appeal. 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 PTAB finds the appellant has not met this burden.

Both parties presented a total of eight suggested comparables. The PTAB finds the board of review's comparable are the most similar to the subject in design, location, exterior construction, size, and age. These comparables received the greatest weight in the Board's analysis. The properties are two-story, frame, single-family dwellings located within the one-quarter mile of the subject with three on the subject's block. The properties range: in age from 105 to 110 years; in size from 1,524 to 1,664 square feet of living area; and in improvement assessments from \$36.62 to \$42.79 per square foot of living area. In comparison, the subject's improvement assessment of \$32.55 per square foot of living area is below the range created by these comparables. The remaining comparable was given less weight due to disparities in size. 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.

*Ronald R. Cuit*

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*Shawn R. Lerbis*

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: December 23, 2010

*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.