

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Monika Luterek
DOCKET NO.: 06-26745.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 13-22-123-049-1001

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Monika Luterek, the appellant, by attorney Arnold G. Siegel, in Chicago, and the Cook County Board of Review.

The subject property is improved with a 2,000 square foot condominium purchased by the appellant on February 20, 2004 for \$284,500. The property is located in Jefferson Township, Cook County.

The appellant contends the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed valuation. In support of this overvaluation argument the appellant submitted a closing statement dated February 20, 2004 depicting the subject was purchased by the appellant for \$284,500. The appellant contends this transaction was an "arm's length, bona fide sale of property." The appellant also submitted the final decision issued by the Cook County Board of Review establishing a total assessment for the subject of \$36,200, which reflects a market value of approximately \$357,708 using the 2006 Cook County three-year median level of assessments for class 2 property of 10.12%. Based on this evidence the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to reflect the subject's purchase price.

The board of review did not submit its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" or any evidence in support of its assessed valuation of the subject property.

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 Board further finds the evidence in the record supports a reduction in the subject's assessment.

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Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds a reduction 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: \$ 2,114
IMPR.: \$26,677
TOTAL: \$28,791

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

The appellant contends the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed valuation. When market value is the basis of the appeal the value of the property must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. National City Bank of Michigan/Illinois v. Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board, 331 Ill.App.3d 1038 (3rd Dist. 2002). The Board finds the appellant met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The appellant in this appeal submitted a closing statement for the subject property depicting a purchase price of \$284,500 on February 20, 2004. Nothing is indicated in the record to refute the appellant's claim that the purchase of the subject was an arm's length sales transaction. The subject's assessment reflects a market value greater than the purchase price as shown on the closing statement presented by the appellant.

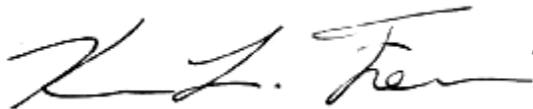
The board of review did not submit any evidence in support of its assessment of the subject property or to refute the appellant's argument as required by Section 1910.40(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board and is found to be in default pursuant to section 1910.69(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board.

Based on this record the Property Tax Appeal Board finds the subject property had a market value of \$284,500 as of January 1, 2006. Since market value has been determined the 10.12% level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance shall apply. 86 Ill.Admin.Code 1910.50(c)(3).

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.



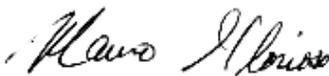
Chairman



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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: July 28, 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.