



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

APPELLANT: Megan & Tim Rostan  
DOCKET NO.: 06-27628.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 14-19-409-037-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Megan & Tim Rostan, the appellants, by attorney Michael Griffin 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:     \$ 9,840**  
**IMPR.:    \$ 49,719**  
**TOTAL:    \$ 59,559**

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**ANALYSIS**

The subject property is improved with a two-story dwelling of masonry construction containing 1,520 square feet of living area. The dwelling is 112 years old, and its features include a full, unfinished basement and a two-car garage. The subject has a classification code of 2-10 under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classified Ordinance, old style row house (town home), over 62 years of age.

The appellants' appeal is based on unequal treatment in the assessment process. The appellants submitted information on three comparable properties described as two-story masonry dwellings that are either 112 or 114 years old. One of the comparables is located next door to the subject property. The appellant's comparables all have the same classification and neighborhood codes as the subject. The comparable dwellings range in size from 1,586 to 1,930 square feet of living area. Each comparable has a full, unfinished basement, one has central air conditioning; one has a fireplace; and two have garages. The comparables have improvement assessments of either \$28.28 or \$29.64 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment is \$32.71 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellants 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 descriptions and assessment information on four comparable properties consisting of two-story masonry dwellings that range in age from 109 to 114 years old. The comparables all have the same classification and neighborhood codes as the subject. Two of the comparables are located in the same block as the subject. The dwellings contain either 1,520 or 1,912 square feet of living area. Each comparable has a full, unfinished basement, and three have garages. These properties have improvement assessments ranging from \$34.52 to \$39.83 per square foot of living area. As part of its evidence, the board of review disclosed that the comparable numbered two sold for \$607,000 in March 2004 and that comparable numbered four sold for \$701,500 in June 2005. 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 Board further finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The appellants contend 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 Board finds the appellants have not met this burden.

All of the seven comparables submitted by both parties were very similar in age, style, exterior construction, location, and foundation. However, the Board finds the comparables numbered one, two, and four by the board of review were identical to the subject in size. Due to their similarities to the subject, these comparables received the most weight in the Board's analysis. These comparables had improvement assessments of \$34.52 and \$39.83 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$32.71 per square foot of living area falls below these amounts. After considering adjustments and the differences in both parties' comparables when compared to the subject, the Board finds 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: April 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.