



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

APPELLANT: Donna Kirchman
DOCKET NO.: 06-27967.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-31-427-037-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Donna Kirchman, the appellant, by attorney Christopher G. Walsh, Jr. 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: \$12,634
IMPR.: \$74,030
TOTAL: \$86,664

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property consists of a 2,952 square foot parcel of land improved with two dwellings. Improvement #1 consists of a three-story, 95-year old, multi-family three-unit dwelling of masonry construction containing 2,691 square feet of living area. Features include full, unfinished basement. Improvement #2 consists of a one-story, single-family dwelling, of masonry construction containing 777 square feet of living area. Features include full, unfinished basement.

The appellant's appeal is based on unequal treatment in the assessment process to improvement #1. The appellant did not appeal the assessment on improvement #2. The appellant submitted information on four comparable properties described as two-story or three-story, masonry or frame multi-family dwellings containing two to four apartments. The comparable dwellings range in age from 118 to 140 years old and in size from 2,700 to 2,904 square feet of living area. Features include a full, finished basement or a basement apartment, a two-car garage for two comparables or a one-car garage for one comparable. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$15.55 to

\$17.63 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment is \$17.44 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 final assessment of \$86,664 was disclosed. The board of review presented descriptions and assessment information on improvement #1 and submitted four comparable properties consisting of multi-family masonry or frame and frame and masonry dwellings. The improvements range in size from 2,676 to 2,865 square feet of living area and range in age from 86 to 105 years old. Features include a full, unfinished basement or a full, finished basement and a two-car garage for the one comparable and a one-car garage for another comparable. The improvement assessment range from \$18.18 to \$19.06 per square foot of living area.

For improvement #2, the board of review submitted four comparable properties consisting of one-story single-family frame, masonry, frame and masonry dwellings that range in age from 113 to 116 years old. The dwellings range in size from 880 to 892 square feet of living area. Features include a full, unfinished or finished basement. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$38.10 to \$39.45 per square 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 Board further finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

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 Board finds the appellant has not met this burden.

As to improvement #1, the Board finds comparable #3 submitted by the appellant and comparables #3 and #4 submitted by the board of review to be most similar to the subject in location, design, exterior construction, size, and style. Due to their similarities to the subject, these comparables received the most weight in the Board's analysis. These comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$15.75 to \$19.06 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$17.44 per square foot of living area is within the range established by the most similar comparables. 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 improvement #1's subject's assessment is not warranted.

As to improvement #2, the Board finds the comparable submitted by the board of review were most similar to the subject in location, style, and age. Due to their similarities to the subject, these comparables received the most weight in the Board's analysis. These comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$38.10 to \$39.45 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$27.51 per square foot of living area is below the range established by the most similar comparables. 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 improvement #2's 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.