

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Yvonne Edokpayl  
DOCKET NO.: 06-29706.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 17-22-106-104-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Yvonne Edokpayl, the appellant, and the Cook County Board of Review.

The subject property consists of a one-year-old, three-story, single-family townhouse of masonry construction containing 1,783 square feet of living area and located in South Chicago Township, Cook County. Features of the residence include two and one-half bathrooms, a partial-finished basement, air-conditioning, a fireplace and a two-car attached garage.

The appellant appeared before the Property Tax Appeal Board arguing that the subject's fair market value is not accurately reflected in its assessment. In support of this argument, the appellant asserted that the subject was purchased in May 2003 for a price of \$350,000; the sale was not a transfer between family or related corporations; the subject was sold by Realtor, advertised for sale with a multiple listing service, and the seller's mortgage was not assumed. In addition, the appellant submitted a copy of the subject's settlement statement. Based upon this information, the appellant requested an assessment reflective of a fair market value for the subject of \$350,000.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the subject's total assessment of \$49,197. The subject's improvement assessment is \$38,441 or \$21.56 per square foot of living area. In support of the assessment the board submitted property characteristic printouts and descriptive data on four properties suggested as comparable to the subject. However, at hearing the board's representative withdrew the board of review's comparable four. The three remaining comparables are improved with three-story, one-year-old, single-family town homes of masonry construction located on the same street and block as the subject. The improvements contain 1,783 square feet of

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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: \$ 10,756  
IMPR.: \$ 24,664  
TOTAL: \$ 35,420

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

living area. The comparables contain two and one-half bathrooms, a partial-finished basement, air-conditioning, a fireplace and a two-car attached garage. The improvement assessments are \$21.56 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 it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal.

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 (3<sup>rd</sup> Dist, 2002); Winnebago County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 313 Ill.App.3d 179 (2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. 2000). Proof of market value may consist of an appraisal, a recent arms-length sale of the subject property, recent sales of comparable properties, or recent construction costs of the subject property. (86 Ill.Adm.Code §1910.65(c)) Having reviewed the record and considering the evidence, the Board finds the appellant has satisfied this burden.

The appellant testified that the subject was purchased in May 2003 for a price of \$350,000; the sale was not a transfer between family or related corporations; the subject was sold by Realtor, advertised for sale with a multiple listing service, and the seller's mortgage was not assumed. In addition, the appellant submitted a copy of the subject's settlement statement. The Board finds the subject's May 2003 sale for \$350,000 to be the best evidence of market value contained in the record. The Board further finds the board of review failed to present any evidence to refute the arm's length nature of the sale. Moreover, the board of review's evidence neglects to address the appellant's market value argument.

Therefore, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that the subject had a market value of \$350,000 as of January 1, 2006. The Board further finds that the 2006 Illinois Department of Revenue's three-year median level of assessments of 10.12% for Class 2 property shall apply and a reduction is 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.



Chairman



Member



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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: March 20, 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.