



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

APPELLANT: Jerry Crayton  
DOCKET NO.: 07-01195.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 13-13-158-013

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jerry Crayton, the appellant, by attorney Clyde B. Hendricks in Peoria, and the Peoria 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 Peoria County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:     \$ 2,790  
IMPR.:    \$ 20,660  
TOTAL:    \$ 23,450**

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**ANALYSIS**

The subject property is improved with a split-level dwelling of frame construction containing 1,550 square feet of total living area. The dwelling was built in 1972.

The appellant submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of the claim the appellant submitted information on three comparable properties. The appellant's comparables consist of split-level or bi-level frame or brick and frame dwellings. They were built from 1968 to 1972. They contain 1,295 to 1,612 square feet of total living area. All have garages, and one has central air conditioning. The comparables sold from March 2006 to March 2007 for \$57,000 to \$65,000 or \$39.20 to \$47.51 per square foot of living area including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's assessment of \$23,450 was disclosed. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$70,590 or \$45.54 per square foot of living area including land using Peoria County's 2007 three-year median level of assessments of 33.22%.

In support of the subject's assessment the board of review presented descriptions and sale price information on three comparable properties. They consist of split-level frame dwellings that were built in 1972. The dwellings have 1,550 square feet of total living area. All have central air conditioning and garages. The board of review's comparables sold from February 2006 to May 2007 for \$84,000 to \$90,000 or \$54.19 to \$58.06 per square foot of living area including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

In rebuttal the appellant highlighted differences between the subject and the board of review's comparables. The appellant also argued that it is unfair to compare owner-occupied homes with rental properties such as the subject.

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 argued the subject is overvalued. When market value is the basis of the appeal, the value must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. Winnebago County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 313 Ill. App. 3d 179, 183, 728 N.E.2d 1256 (2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. 2000). After an analysis of the evidence, the Board finds the appellant has not met this burden.

The record contains six suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The comparables are similar to the subject in most property characteristics except all have garages the subject lacks, and four have central air conditioning the subject does not enjoy. They had selling prices that range from \$57,000 to \$90,000 or \$39.20 to \$58.06 per square foot of total living area including land. The subject's estimated market value of \$70,590 or \$45.54 per square foot of total living area including land is well within the range of those selling prices and is lower than the per-square-foot selling prices of the four comparables located in the same neighborhood code area as the subject including one of the appellant's own comparables. After considering the evidence the Board finds the appellant has not proven by a preponderance of the evidence that the subject is overvalued and no 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.

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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: October 22, 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.