FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Chris Christopherson
DOCKET NO.: 07-20586.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-18-125-020-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Chris Christopherson, the appellant(s), by attorney Jerrold H. Mayster, of Mayster & Chaimson Ltd of 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:	$ 6,500
IMPR.:	$ 34,456
TOTAL:	$ 40,956

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property consists of a 6,250 square foot parcel improved with a 97-year-old, two-story style single-family dwelling of frame construction. Containing 2,370 square feet of living area, the subject features two full baths, a full, unfinished basement, and a two-car garage.

The appellant, through counsel, submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming unequal treatment in the assessment process as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant offered a spreadsheet detailing four suggested comparable properties located in the same coded assessment neighborhood as the subject. These properties consist of two-story style single-family dwellings of masonry or stucco construction from 40 to 92 years old. The comparables range in size from 2,351 to 2,886 square feet of living area with amenities such as two or three full baths; in addition three have full, unfinished basements and two have garages. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from $12.56 to $13.83 per

square foot of living area. A copy of the subject's 2007 board of review final decision was also included. 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 improvement assessment of $34,456, or $14.54 per square foot of living area, was disclosed. In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review offered property characteristic sheets and a spreadsheet detailing four suggested comparable properties located in the same assessment neighborhood as the subject. The comparables consist of two-story style single-family dwellings of frame construction. These properties range in size from 2,140 to 2,400 square feet of living area and have amenities such as two full baths, full basements, and garages; two are central air conditioned and three have additional half baths. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from $14.67 to $16.92 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject property'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 appellant's argument was unequal treatment in the assessment process. The Illinois Supreme Court has held that 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). The evidence must demonstrate a consistent pattern of assessment inequities within the assessment jurisdiction. After an analysis of the assessment data, the Board finds the appellant has failed to overcome this burden.

The Property Tax Appeal Board finds that the appellant's comparable four and the board of review's comparables are the most similar to the subject. These properties are similar in age and size when compared to the subject. The Board accords these properties primary weight. The Board finds that the remaining properties are less similar to subject in size, age, and/or construction type when compared to the subject and accords these properties less weight. After considering adjustments and the differences in both parties' suggested comparables when compared to the subject property, the Board finds the subject's per square foot improvement assessment of $14.54 is supported by the properties contained in the record. As a result of this analysis, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds the appellant failed to adequately demonstrate that the subject dwelling was inequitably assessed by clear and convincing evidence and no reduction is warranted.
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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

Member

Member

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: November 25, 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.