



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

APPELLANT: William J. Fojtik  
DOCKET NO.: 07-20629.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 13-17-229-046-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are William J. Fojtik, the appellant, by attorney Donald T. Rubin, of Rubin & Norris in Chicago; and the Cook County Board of Review.

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:** \$ 9,936  
**IMPR:** \$ 48,006  
**TOTAL:** \$ 57,942

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**ANALYSIS**

The subject property consists of a 6,537 square foot land parcel improved with a 49-year old, two-story, masonry, multi-family dwelling. The improvement contains 3,556 square feet of living area as well as a full basement, a two-car garage and five apartments therein.

The appellant's attorney argued that there was unequal treatment in the assessment process as the basis of this appeal.

In support of the equity argument, the appellant submitted descriptive and assessment data for seven suggested comparables. The properties were improved with a two-story, masonry, multi-family dwelling. They range: in units from two to four apartments; in age from 39 to 82 years; in size from 3,510 to 4,033 square feet of living area; and in improvement assessments from \$10.50 to \$13.12 per square foot. Four of the seven properties each contain basement and garage area. The subject's improvement assessment is \$14.33 per square foot of living area. Based upon this analysis, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted "Board of Review-Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's total assessment was \$60,886. The board of review submitted descriptive and assessment data relating to three suggested comparables. The properties are improved with a two-story, masonry, multi-family dwelling. They range: in units from three to four apartments; in age from 76 to 84 years; in size from 2,820 to 3,444 square feet of living area; and in improvement assessment from \$14.20 to \$14.95 per square foot. Amenities include basement area, while two also include garage area. As a result of its analysis, the board requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

After considering the arguments as well as reviewing the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal.

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 data, the Board finds that the appellant has met this burden.

The Board finds that comparables #1 and #2 submitted by the appellant as well as comparable #1 submitted by the board of review are most similar to the subject in location, style, exterior construction, number of apartment units, and/or improvement size. In analysis, the Board accorded most weight to these comparables. These comparables ranged in improvement assessments from \$12.37 to \$14.20 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment at \$14.33 per square foot is above the range established by these comparables.

As a result of this analysis, the Board finds that the appellant has adequately demonstrated that the subject was inequitably assessed by clear and convincing evidence and that 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.

*Ronald R. Cuit*

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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: August 19, 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.