



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

APPELLANT: Dwayne Bose  
DOCKET NO.: 07-23212.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 08-23-200-042-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Dwayne Bose, the appellant, by attorney Thomas M. Battista, of Rock, Fusco & Associates, LLC 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:** \$5,304  
**IMPR.:** \$64,894  
**TOTAL:** \$70,198

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**ANALYSIS**

The subject property is improved with a 2-story multi-family dwelling of frame and masonry construction containing 5,841<sup>1</sup> square feet of living area. The building is 34 years old and includes a full, finished garden-style basement used as apartments.

The appellant's appeal is based on unequal treatment in the assessment process. The appellant submitted information on three comparable properties described as class 2-11 frame or masonry multi-family dwellings that range in age from 30 to 34 years old and all containing 4,050 square feet of living area. The appellant did not include any data concerning garages, basements or central air conditioning for the comparables. The comparables

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<sup>1</sup> The assessor lists the square footage as 5,841. The appellant claims the square footage is 4,050. It appears the assessor counts the "garden" level apartments as living area, and the appellant counts it as basement. Since the appellant states this is a six unit apartment building, it appears, based on the photographic evidence, that two income-producing units are in the "basement" or "garden level". Therefore, it is the Board's opinion that, since this area contains finished apartments, the assessor's improvement square footage of 5,841 is correct.

have improvement assessments ranging from \$11.55 to \$12.49 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment is \$11.11<sup>2</sup> 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 was disclosed. The board of review presented descriptions and assessment information on three comparable properties consisting of 2-story masonry multi-family dwellings all 29 years old. The buildings all contain 4,935 square feet of living area and feature full, garden-style<sup>3</sup> basements containing finished apartments. These properties have improvement assessments ranging from \$11.11 to \$11.54 per square foot 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.

Since none of the comparables submitted by either party matched the subject's exterior construction, the Board finds the comparables submitted by both parties were similar to the subject in size, style, location 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 \$11.11 to \$12.49 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$11.11 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 the subject's assessment is not warranted.

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<sup>2</sup> See footnote 1. Using the assessor's square footage, the improvement assessment is 11.11 per square foot of living area. The appellant claims the improvement assessment is \$16.02 per square foot of living area.

<sup>3</sup> Based on photographic evidence.

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: December 23, 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.