



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

APPELLANT: Sal Melilli
DOCKET NO.: 07-23777.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-29-223-040-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Sal Melilli, the appellant, by attorney Brian P. Liston, of Law Offices of Liston & Tsantilis, P.C. 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: \$ 15,249
IMPR.: \$ 54,407
TOTAL: \$ 69,656

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property is improved with a frame, two-story, multifamily dwelling. It is 121 years old and contains 2,050 square feet of building area. Features include three baths, six bedrooms, and a two-car garage.

The appellant, via counsel, contends assessment inequity. In support of the assessment inequity argument, the appellant submitted information regarding four suggested comparable properties located on the subject property's block. The suggested comparables are multifamily dwellings that contain two stories and are constructed of frame or masonry. They range in age from 98 to 118 years old and range in size from 2,715 to 3,672 square feet of living area. Features include three baths, a full unfinished basement, and a one and one-half or two car garage for two properties. These comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$18.15 to \$22.62 per square foot of building area. The subject's improvement assessment is \$54,407 or \$26.54 per square foot of building area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject property's improvement assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein its final assessment of \$69,656 was disclosed. To demonstrate the subject was correctly assessed, the board of review presented descriptions and assessment information regarding four suggested comparable properties consisting of two-story, frame or masonry, multifamily dwellings located within the subject property's neighborhood. The suggested comparables range in age from 108 to 118 years old and range in size from 2,196 to 2,730 square feet of building area. Features include a full unfinished basement, two to two and one-half baths, and a two or two and one-half car garage. These properties have improvement assessments that range from \$28.23 to \$31.24 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 the appeal. The Board further finds the evidence in the record does not support a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The appellant argued assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. Taxpayers who object to an assessment on this basis bear the burden of proving the disparity of assessments 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 did not demonstrate unequal treatment by clear and convincing evidence.

The record contains descriptions and assessment information regarding eight suggested comparables submitted by the parties. The Board finds the board of review comparables #1, #2 and #3 are the most similar to the subject property in design, size and amenities. These properties have improvement assessments that range from \$28.23 to \$30.96 per square foot of living area. The subject has an improvement assessment of \$26.54 per square foot of building area which is within the range established by the most similar comparables. Based on this record the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment based on assessment inequity is not justified.

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: July 20, 2012

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.