



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

APPELLANT: George & Aimee Karagiannis
DOCKET NO.: 07-25179.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 04-34-103-049-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are George & Aimee Karagiannis, the appellant(s), by attorney Michael F. Baccash, of Sarnoff & Baccash 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: \$ 8,985
IMPR.: \$34,187
TOTAL: \$43,172

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property consists of 8,640 square feet of land that is improved with a 50 year old, one and one-half-story, masonry dwelling that contains 1,727 square feet of living area. The subject contains two baths, a partial finished basement, air conditioning, a fireplace, and a two-car garage. The appellant, via counsel, argued that the fair market value of the subject was not accurately reflected in its assessed value.

In support of the market value argument, counsel submitted an appraisal undertaken by Gregory B. Nold of Real Property Group. The report states that Nold is a State of Illinois certified residential real estate appraiser. The appraiser stated that the subject has an estimated market value of \$430,000 as of January 1, 2007. The appraisal report utilized the sales comparison approach to value to estimate the market value for the subject property. The appraisal states that Nold personally inspected the property, and that the subject's highest and best use as improved is its present use.

Under the sales comparison approach, the appraiser analyzed the sales of five comparables, which are described as one and one-half story or two-story, masonry or frame dwellings, which range in age from 50 to 57 years old, and in improvement size from

1,555 to 1,977 square feet of living area. Four of the comparables have a partial finished basement, while one has a partial unfinished basement. These dwellings have from one and one-half to two baths and from a one-car to a two-car garage. All of the dwellings have air conditioning, and three have a fireplace. The properties sold from March 2007 to June 2008 for prices ranging from \$360,000 to \$455,000, or from \$207.66 to \$258.29 per square foot of living area. The appraiser adjusted each of the comparables for pertinent factors. Based on the similarities and differences of the comparables when compared to the subject, the appraiser estimated a value for the subject under the sales comparison approach of \$430,000. 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 final assessment of \$54,561 was disclosed. The subject's final assessment reflects a fair market value of \$543,436, or \$314.67 per square foot of living area, when the 2007 Illinois Department of Revenue three-year median level of assessment for Class 2 properties of 10.04% is applied. In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review presented descriptions and assessment information on four suggested comparables located within the subject's subarea. The properties consist of one and one-half-story, frame and masonry dwellings that range in age from 43 to 49 years old, and in size from 1,555 to 1,858 square feet of living area. These comparables have from one full and two one-half to two full and two one-half baths. All of the properties have a partial basement with a formal recreation room and a two-car garage. Two of the dwellings have two fireplaces, while one dwelling has one fireplace. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$26.66 to \$28.07 per square foot of living area. The board of review also stated that Comparable #1 sold in June 2007 for \$490,500, or \$273.41 per square foot of living area; and that Comparable #4 sold in October 2007 for \$616,000, or \$396.14 per square foot of living area.

The board of review also submitted a list of sales of properties located within the subject's neighborhood. This list included the PIN, deed number, the date of the sale, and the sale price for twelve properties. No further information was provided regarding these properties. Based on this evidence, the board 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. When overvaluation is claimed the appellant has the burden of proving the value of the property by a preponderance of the evidence. National City Bank of Michigan/Illinois v. Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board, 331 Ill.App.3d 1038 (3d Dist. 2002); Winnebago County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 313 Ill.App.3d 179 (2d Dist. 2000). Proof of market value may consist of an appraisal, a recent arm's length sale of the

subject property, recent sales of comparable properties, or recent construction costs of the subject property. 86 Ill.Admin.Code 1910.65(c). Having considered the evidence presented, the Board concludes that the evidence indicates a reduction is warranted.

In determining the fair market value of the subject property, the Board finds the best evidence to be the appellant's appraisal. The appellant's appraiser utilized the sales comparison approach to value in determining the subject's market value. The Board finds this appraisal to be persuasive because the appraiser personally inspected the subject property and reviewed the property's history, and used similar properties in the sales comparison approach while providing adjustments that were necessary. The Board gives little weight to the board of review's comparables as the information provided was unadjusted raw sales data.

Therefore, the Board finds the subject had a market value of \$430,000 for the 2009 assessment year. Since the market value of this parcel has been established, the 2007 Illinois Department of Revenue three-year median level of assessment for Class 2 property of 10.04% will apply. In applying this level of assessment to the subject, the total assessed value is \$43,172 while the subject's current total assessed value is above this amount. Therefore, the Board finds 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.

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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: June 22, 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.