



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

APPELLANT: Erwin Lazarus  
DOCKET NO.: 07-25988.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 10-18-219-008-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Erwin Lazarus, the appellant(s), by attorney Joanne Elliott, of Elliott & Associates, P.C. in Des Plaines; 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:** \$15,781  
**IMPR.:** \$52,867  
**TOTAL:** \$68,648

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**ANALYSIS**

The subject property consists of a 8,577 square foot parcel of land improved with a nine-year old, two-story, masonry, single-family dwelling which is owner-occupied. The improvement contains 3,990 square feet of living area, two and one half baths, air conditioning, a fireplace, a full unfinished basement with a formal recreation room; and a two car garage. The appellant argued unequal treatment in the assessment process as the basis of this appeal.

In support of the equity argument, the appellant submitted descriptions and assessment information as well as black and white photographs, on a total of three properties suggested as comparable. The properties are located within 1.94 miles of the subject. The properties are improved with two-story, masonry, or frame and masonry, single-family dwellings. They range: in bathrooms from three and one half to four and one half baths; in age from three to 15 years; in size from 3,997 to 4,459 square feet of living area; and in improvement assessment from \$12.65 to \$13.37 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement

assessment is \$16.45 per square foot. The properties also contain: air conditioning, one or two fireplaces for the properties, full or partial, finished or unfinished basements; and garage area for the properties. 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 improvement assessment of \$65,636 or \$16.45 per square foot of living area was disclosed. In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review did not present descriptions and assessment information on any properties suggested as comparable and located within the subject's neighborhood. 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 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 PTAB finds the appellant has not met this burden.

The appellant presented a total of three properties suggested as comparable to the subject. The PTAB finds the appellant's comparables most similar to the subject in improvement size, design, exterior construction, and age. These comparables ranged in improvement assessments from \$12.65 to \$13.37 per square foot. The subject's improvement assessment at \$16.45 per square foot is above the range established by these comparables. The board of review did not submit any properties for comparison. Therefore, the Board finds that the appellant has demonstrated that the subject is inequitably assessed. The Board finds that the subject's per square foot improvement assessment is not supported and a reduction in the improvement assessment 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.

*Donald R. Cuit*

Chairman

*K. L. Fern*

Member

*Frank A. Huff*

Member

*Mario Morris*

Member

*J. R.*

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: August 28, 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.