



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

APPELLANT: Michael Sexton
DOCKET NO.: 07-26514.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 09-26-314-014-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Michael Sexton, the appellant, by attorney Edward Larkin, of Larkin & Larkin in Park Ridge; 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: \$ 2,257
IMPR.: \$ 45,833
TOTAL: \$ 48,090

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property consists of a 1,764 square foot parcel of land improved with a nine year old, two-story, masonry, single-family townhouse that contains 2,243 square feet of living area, two and one-half baths, a two car garage, and a full unfinished basement. The appellant argued unequal treatment in the assessment process as the basis of this appeal.

In support of this argument, the appellant, via counsel, submitted data and descriptions on a total of three properties suggested as comparable to the subject and located within the subject's neighborhood. They are described as two or three story, masonry, or frame and masonry, townhomes. Features include: one and one-half to two and one-half baths; a one and one-half to two car garage for two properties; and, basement area for two properties. The properties range: in age from 7 to 43 years; in size from 1,302 to 2,472 square feet of building area; and in improvement assessment from \$15.28 to \$18.05 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 improvement assessment of \$45,833 or \$20.43 per square foot of living area was disclosed. In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review presented descriptions and assessment information regarding three properties suggested as comparable and located on the same block as the subject. The properties are described as two-story, masonry, townhomes. Features include two and one-half baths, a full unfinished basement, and a two car garage. These properties are nine years old and contain 2,243 square feet of living area. Their improvement assessments range from \$20.39 to \$20.43 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 appellant argued assessment inequity 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 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 has not demonstrated unequal treatment by clear and convincing evidence.

The parties presented a total of six suggested comparable properties. The PTAB finds the board of review's comparables are the most similar to the subject in size, location, and age. The properties are described as two-story, masonry, townhome dwellings. Features include two and one-half baths, a full unfinished basement, and a two car garage. These properties are nine years old and contain 2,243 square feet of living area. Their improvement assessments range from \$20.39 to \$20.43 per square foot of living area. In comparison, the subject's improvement assessment of \$20.43 per square foot of living area is within the range of these comparables. Therefore, after considering adjustments and the differences in both parties' comparables when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's per square foot improvement assessment is supported and a reduction in the improvement assessment is not 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: January 31, 2013

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.