



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

APPELLANT: Sam Malambri  
DOCKET NO.: 07-26594.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 02-17-308-041-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Sam Malambri, the appellant, by attorney Julie Realmuto, of McCarthy Duffy of 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:     \$ 6,488**  
**IMPR.:    \$ 30,893**  
**TOTAL:    \$ 37,381**

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**ANALYSIS**

The subject property is improved with a one and one-half story dwelling of frame construction containing 2,100 square feet of living area. The dwelling is 48 years old. Features of the home include a partial, finished basement, two fireplaces and a two and one-half car garage.

The appellant's appeal is based on unequal treatment in the assessment process. The appellant submitted information on four comparable properties described as one or one and one-half story frame dwellings that range in age from 43 to 77 years old. The comparable dwellings range in size from 1,091 to 1,376 square feet of living area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$17.57 to \$19.12 per square foot of living area. The appellant's grid analysis indicates the subject contains 1,120 square feet of living area and has an improvement assessment of \$27.58 per square foot. There was no documentation submitted to support this size. 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 four comparable properties consisting of one and one-half story frame dwellings that range in age from 54 to 77 years old. The dwellings range from 2,070 to 4,253 square feet of living area. These properties have improvement assessments ranging from \$14.50 to \$17.56 per square foot of living area. The subject's property characteristic sheet indicates the subject contains 2,100 square feet of living area. This would indicate an improvement assessment of \$14.71 per square foot. 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.

Initially, the Board finds the only documentation of the subject's size was contained in the board of review's evidence. Thus, the Board finds the subject contains 2,100 square feet of living area. With the exception of one comparable, the subject's improvement assessment of \$14.71 per square foot is below the improvement assessment per square foot of the remaining comparables. The Board finds the board of review's comparable one was most similar to the subject in age and design. This comparable was also similar to the subject in other features. Due to this comparable's similarities to the subject, it received the most weight in the Board's analysis. This comparable had an improvement assessment of \$17.56 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$14.71 per square foot of living area is below the assessment established by the most similar comparable. 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.

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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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: March 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.