



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

APPELLANT: Stephen Seliger
DOCKET NO.: 07-28956.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-33-125-028-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Stephen Seliger, the appellant, by attorney Arnold G. Siegel, of Siegel & Callahan, 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 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: \$ 23,624
IMPR.: \$75,270
TOTAL: \$98,894

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property consists of a 3,125 square foot parcel of land improved with a two and part three-story, frame, single-family dwelling that was constructed in 1988. Amenities include three full and two half-baths, four bedrooms, central air conditioning, a partial, unfinished basement, and a detached two-car garage.

The appellant submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming that the subject's market value is not accurately reflected in its assessment as the basis of this appeal.

In support of the market value argument, the appellant submitted an appraisal undertaken by David Conaghan and Mitchell Perlow of Property Valuation Services. The report indicates Conaghan holds the designation of a State of Illinois certified general real estate appraiser while Perlow holds an MAI designation. Conaghan inspected the interior and exterior of the subject and indicated the subject has an estimated market value of \$985,000 as of July 1, 2008. He also indicated that the highest and best use of the

subject property is its current use. The appraisal report utilized two of the three traditional approaches to value to estimate the market value for the subject property.

Under the cost approach to value, the appraiser used land sales to arrive at a value estimate for the land at \$470,000, rounded. He then valued the improvements using the replacement cost-new method at \$1,098,250 and deducted depreciation of \$582,073 to arrive at a depreciated building value of \$516,178. With site improvements and the value of the land added, the appraiser estimated the value of the subject under this approach at \$995,000, rounded.

Under the sales comparison approach, the appraiser analyzed the sales of five properties located within the subject property's neighborhood. The comparables are two and part three-story or three-story, frame or masonry, single-family dwellings located in the subject's neighborhood. The suggested comparable properties contain from 3,108 to 3,852 square feet of living area and sold from April 2007 to August 2007 for prices ranging from \$800,000 to \$1,078,750, or from \$257.40 to \$289.30 per square foot of living area, including land. 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 \$975,000, rounded.

In reconciling the two approaches to value, the appraisal gave primary consideration to the sales comparison approach to value with secondary consideration given to the cost approach to arrive at a final estimate of value for the subject as of July 1, 2008 of \$985,000.

The board of review submitted "Board of Review-Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's total assessment was \$164,045. This assessment reflects a total market value of \$1,633,914 or \$452.61 per square foot based upon the application of the Illinois Department of Revenue's three-year median level of assessment for tax year 2007 of 10.04% for class 2 property, as is the subject.

The board of review submitted descriptive and assessment data relating to four suggested comparables. They are all located within the subject's neighborhood, one of which is located within a one-quarter mile radius of the subject. The properties are improved with a three-story, masonry, single-family dwelling with four or five bedrooms. They range: in age from 13 to 17 years; in size from 2,681 to 3,276 square feet of living area; and in improvement assessment from \$43.95 to \$47.20 per square foot. The properties include two and one half to three and two half-baths, a full or partial, finished or unfinished basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a two-car garage. The board also noted that comparable #4 sold in April of 2005 for \$1,500,000, or \$559.49 per square foot of living area, including land. As a result of its analysis, the board requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

After considering the arguments as well as reviewing the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal.

When market value is the basis of the appeal, the value of the property must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. National City Bank of Michigan/Illinois v. Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board, 331 Ill.App.3d 1038 (3rd Dist, 2002); Winnebago County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 313 Ill.App.3d 179 (2nd 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.Adm.Code 1910.65(c)). Having considered the evidence presented, the Board finds that the appellant has met this burden and that 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 cost and sales comparison approaches to value in determining the subject's market value.

The Board finds this appraisal to be persuasive for the appraiser: has experience in appraising; personally inspected the subject property and reviewed the property's history; and used similar properties in the sales comparison approach while providing sufficient detail regarding each sale as well as adjustments that were necessary.

Therefore, the Board finds that the subject property had a market value of \$985,000 for the 2007 assessment year. Since the market value of the subject has been established, the Illinois Department of Revenue's 2007 three year median level of assessment of 10.04% for Cook County Class 2 property will apply. In applying this level of assessment to the subject, the total assessed value is \$98,894 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: 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.