FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Warren Vockeroth
DOCKET NO.: 07-29547.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 03-31-301-022-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Warren Vockeroth, the appellant, by attorney Mitchell L. Klein of Schiller Klein PC in 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:	$ 5,454
IMPR.:	$ 30,129
TOTAL:	$ 35,583

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property is improved with a one-story dwelling of frame construction containing 1,004 square feet of living area. The dwelling is 60 years old. Features of the home include a full finished basement and a two-car detached garage.

The appellant's appeal is based on unequal treatment in the assessment process. The appellant submitted information on three comparable properties described as one-story frame dwellings. The comparables have the same assigned neighborhood code as the subject, but, according to the appellant, the comparables are located over eight miles from the subject property. The comparable dwellings range in age from 42 to 46 years old, and they range in size from 1,288 to 1,344 square feet of living area. Each comparable has a fireplace and a garage. Two dwellings have central air conditioning. One comparable has a crawl-space foundation, and two have partial basements, either finished or unfinished. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from $16.96 to $19.65 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment is $30.00 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 final assessment was disclosed. The board of review presented descriptions and assessment information on one comparable property that is located on the same block as the subject property. The comparable is a one-story frame dwelling containing 1,104 square feet of living area. The dwelling is 59 years old. Features include a slab foundation and a two-car detached garage. The comparable property has an improvement assessment of $33.33 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 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.

Both parties presented assessment data on a total of four equity comparables. All of the comparables submitted by both parties are one-story frame dwellings like the subject. However, the comparables submitted by the appellant are 14 to 18 years newer than the subject, and they are located over eight miles from the subject. In addition, they are from 28% to 34% larger in size than the subject, and one of the comparables does not have a basement. As a result, the appellant's comparables received reduced weight in the Board's analysis. The comparable submitted by the board of review is located on the same block as the subject property. Although it does not have a basement, this comparable is similar in all other respects to the subject. Due to its similarities to the subject, this comparable received the most weight in the Board's analysis. This comparable had an improvement assessment of $33.33 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of $30.01 per square foot of living area is less than this amount. 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.

Chairman

Member

Member

Member

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 18, 2011

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.