



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

APPELLANT: Atamohamad K. Sherwani
DOCKET NO.: 07-29693.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 02-17-308-043-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Atamohamad K. Sherwani, the appellant, by attorney Stephanie Park, of Park & Longstreet, P.C. in Rolling Meadows; 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: \$ 6,098
IMPR.: \$ 26,268
TOTAL: \$ 32,366

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property is improved with a 28-year old, one and one-half story, frame, single-family dwelling. It contains 1,194 square feet of living area and is situated on a 21,780 square foot lot. Features include one full bath, two bedrooms, a full, unfinished basement, and a one-car garage.

The appellant submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming unequal treatment in the assessment process as the basis of the appeal. In support of the equity argument, the appellant submitted descriptive and assessment data for 12 suggested comparables. The properties are improved with a one or one and one-half story, single-family dwelling with masonry, frame or frame and masonry exterior construction. They range: in age from 33 to 51 years; in size from 1,050 to 1,303 square feet of living area; and in improvement assessment from \$19.84 to \$23.80 per square foot. The subject's improvement assessment is \$26.84 per square foot of living area. Based upon this analysis, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review-Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's total assessment of \$38,150 was disclosed. The board of review submitted descriptive and assessment data, as well as a black and white photograph, of the subject property. On its grid sheet, the board indicated that the subject was purchased in August 2004 for \$381,500 or \$319.51 per square foot, including land. The board did not proffer any additional evidence in support of the subject's current assessment. 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.

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 data, the Board finds that the appellant has met this burden.

The Board finds that comparables #1, #10, #11 and #12 submitted by the appellant are most similar to the subject in style, exterior construction, and/or amenities. In analysis, the Board accorded most weight to these comparables. These comparables ranged in improvement assessments from \$20.54 to \$22.17 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment at \$26.84 per square foot is above the range established by these comparables.

As a result of this analysis, the Board finds that the appellant has adequately demonstrated that the subject was inequitably assessed by clear and convincing evidence and 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.