



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

APPELLANT: Larry Wolfson
DOCKET NO.: 07-30117.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 04-20-207-046-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Larry Wolfson, the appellant(s), 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: \$ 12,629
IMPR.: \$ 52,513
TOTAL: \$ 65,142

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property consists of 12,144 square feet of land improved with a 30-year old, one-story, single-family dwelling of masonry construction. The property contains 3,378 square feet of living area. Features of the home include three and one half-baths, air conditioning, a two-car garage, and a fireplace.

The appellant's appeal is based on unequal treatment in the assessment process. The appellant submitted description and assessment information on ten comparable properties described as one or one and one-half story, frame, frame and masonry, or masonry dwellings that range: in age from 27 to 54 years; in size from 2,716 to 3,952 square feet of living area; and in improvement assessments from \$13.95 to \$16.50 square feet of living area. Features include a two to four-car garage, all but one property has air conditioning, all but one property has one or two fireplaces, and two full to three and one half-baths, although comparable #4 did not provide bath count information. The subject's improvement assessment is \$15.86 per square feet 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 of \$79,396 was disclosed. The board of review submitted descriptions and assessment information on four comparable properties consisting of one-story, masonry dwellings that are between 28 to 38 years old. The dwellings range in size from 2,949 to 3,159 square feet of living area. Features include two and one half-baths to three and one half-baths, a full or partial basement, air conditioning, a fireplace, and a two-car or two and one-half car garage.

In addition, the board of review submitted sales data for comparable #4, which sold on January 1, 2004 for \$642,000.

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 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 met this burden.

The Board finds the comparables #3 and #4 submitted by the appellant, and comparable #1 submitted by the board of review to be similar to the subject in size, exterior construction and age. Due to their similarities to the subject, these comparables received the most weight in the Board's analysis. These comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$15.47 to \$19.64 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$19.77 per square foot of living area is above the range established by the most similar comparables. The Board finds the subject's improvement assessment is equitable and a reduction in the subject's assessment 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.