



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

APPELLANT: Cynthia Howard  
DOCKET NO.: 08-02018.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 18-03-105-008

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Cynthia Howard, the appellant, by attorney Clyde B. Hendricks in Peoria, and the Peoria 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 Peoria County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND: \$2,640  
IMPR: \$5,360  
TOTAL: \$8,000**

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**ANALYSIS**

The subject property is improved with a one-story dwelling of frame construction containing 800 square feet of living area. The dwelling was built in 1935. Features include a basement and a garage.

The appellant submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of the claim the appellant submitted information on three comparable properties. The appellant's comparables consist of one-story frame dwellings. They were built from 1922 to 1929. They contain 866 to 1,000 square feet of living area. All have basements, one has central air conditioning and a fireplace, and one has a garage. The comparables sold from October 2007 to January 2008 for \$15,000 to \$27,000 or \$15.00 to \$30.60 per square foot of living area including land. Based on this evidence, 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 assessment of \$11,040 was disclosed. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$33,323 or \$41.65 per square foot of living area

including land using Peoria County's 2008 three-year median level of assessments of 33.13%.

In support of the subject's assessment the board of review presented descriptions and sale price information on three comparable properties. They consist of one-story frame dwellings that were built from 1931 to 1936. The dwellings have 598 to 809 square feet of living area. All have basements, two have garages, and one has central air conditioning. The board of review's comparables sold from November 2007 to January 2008 for \$34,000 to \$40,000 or \$43.26 to \$56.86 per square foot of living area including land. The board of review also provided a map that indicated the location of the subject and the comparables submitted by both parties. The appellant's comparables are located significantly closer to the subject than are the board of review's comparables. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

In rebuttal the appellant provided MLS listing sheets relating to the board of review's comparables and highlighted differences between the subject and the board of review's comparables. Finally, the appellant argued that it is unfair to compare owner-occupied homes with rental properties such as the subject.

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 argued the subject is overvalued. When market value is the basis of the appeal, the value must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. Winnebago County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 313 Ill. App. 3d 179, 183, 728 N.E.2d 1256 (2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. 2000). After an analysis of the evidence, the Board finds this burden has been met.

The record contains six suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The six comparables are generally similar to the subject in most property characteristics. They sold for \$15,000 to \$40,000 or \$15.00 to \$56.86 per square foot of living area including land. The subject's estimated market value of \$33,323 or \$41.65 per square foot of living area including land is within this range. However, the board of review's comparables are located from 0.87 to 1.41 miles from the subject. The appellant's comparables are located from 0.27 to 0.38 miles from the subject. The Board finds the appellant's comparables are more similar to the subject due to their closer proximity. The subject's estimated market value is much higher than the \$15,000 to \$27,000 or \$15.00 to \$30.60 per square foot of living area including land range of the selling prices of the appellant's comparables located near the subject. After considering the evidence the Board finds a preponderance of the evidence indicates the subject is overvalued and 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: December 3, 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.