



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

APPELLANT: Lou Lewellen
DOCKET NO.: 08-02072.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-31-305-031

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Lou Lewellen, 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: \$3,040
IMPR.: \$12,460
TOTAL: \$15,500**

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property is improved with a bi-level dwelling of frame construction containing 1,550 square feet of living area. The dwelling was built in 1972. It has central air conditioning.

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. Two are located in an area with the same neighborhood code as the subject. The appellant's comparables consist of bi-level frame dwellings. They were built from 1970 to 1973. They contain 1,301 or 1,550 square feet of living area. All have central air conditioning. The comparables sold from October 2007 to February 2008 for \$42,500 to \$43,000 or \$27.55 to \$32.67 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 \$26,620 was disclosed. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$80,350 or \$51.84 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. One is located in an area with the same neighborhood code as the subject. They consist of bi-level or tri-level frame dwellings that were built from 1972 to 1976. The dwellings have 1,524 to 1,776 square feet of living area. One has central air conditioning. The board of review's comparables sold from March to December 2007 for \$55,000 to \$114,000 or \$33.73 to \$74.80 per square foot of living area including land. 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 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 (2nd 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 Board finds the appellant's comparables #1 and #3 and the board of review's comparable #1 are the comparables most similar to the subject. They are the same size as the subject, are similar in amenities and are located in an area with the same neighborhood code. They sold for \$42,700 to \$55,000 or \$27.55 to \$35.48 per square foot of living area including land. The subject's estimated market value of \$80,350 or \$51.84 per square foot of living area including land is much higher than that range. 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 23, 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.