



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

APPELLANT: Kent Jones
DOCKET NO.: 08-02075.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 18-03-303-012

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Kent Jones, the appellant; and the Peoria 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 Peoria County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND: \$930
IMPR: \$8,690
TOTAL: \$9,620**

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property consists of a two-story asbestos and aluminum or vinyl exterior dwelling containing 2,226 square feet of living area that was built in 1900 with a full, unfinished basement.

The appellant appeared before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming overvaluation as the basis of the appeal.¹ In support of this claim, the appellant submitted three comparable sales, multiple listing sheets and property record cards. All of the comparables are located in a different assessment neighborhood code than the subject, as defined by the local assessor. The appellant testified that all of the comparables are within 4 miles of the subject. The comparables consist of one-story or one and one-half story frame or aluminum or vinyl exterior dwellings that were built from 1919 to 1930 and range in size from 946 to 2,281 square feet of living area. Two comparables have a full unfinished basement, one has a partial, unfinished

¹ Appellant's counsel withdrew from the appeal immediately prior to the hearing herein.

basement and one has air-conditioning. The comparables sold from January to September 2007 for prices ranging from \$17,000 to \$23,500 or from \$7.45 to \$24.84 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 \$9,620 was disclosed. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of approximately \$29,037 or \$13.05 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 submitted property record cards and a market grid analysis of three comparable sales. None of the comparables are located in the subject's assessment neighborhood code, as defined by the local assessor. Dave Ryan, Supervisor of Assessments for Peoria County, testified that the comparable sales are all within 1.5 miles of the subject. The comparables consist of two-story aluminum or vinyl exterior dwellings that were built in either 1900 or 1910 and contain from 1,606 to 2,056 square feet of living area. One comparable has a partial or full unfinished basement. Two comparables have air conditioning and each has a detached garage. The comparables sold from April 2007 to April 2008 for prices ranging from \$30,000 to \$62,500 or from \$15.63 to \$30.40 per square of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

In rebuttal, the appellant submitted multiple listing sheets for the comparable sales submitted by the board of review. The appellant argued the board of review's comparables were superior to the subject.

After hearing the testimony 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 argued the subject property 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 the appellant has not met this burden.

The record contains six suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight in its analysis to comparables submitted by the appellant. These comparables were dissimilar to the subject in location, design, age and/or size when compared to the subject. The Board also gave less weight to comparables #1 and #2 submitted by the board of review. These two comparables were dissimilar to the subject in location, size and/or basement area, when compared to the

subject. The remaining comparable, which was not truly similar to the subject, sold for \$62,500 or \$30.40 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of approximately \$29,037 or \$13.05 per square foot of living area, including land, which is well below this suggested comparable sale. After considering adjustments and the differences in both parties' suggested comparables when compared to the subject property, the Board finds the subject's current assessment is not sufficiently challenged by the suggested comparable properties contained in this record and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

As a result of this analysis, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds the appellant has not adequately demonstrated overvaluation of the subject as reflected by its assessment by a preponderance of the evidence and a reduction 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.

Ronald R. Cuit

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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: January 21, 2011

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.