



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

APPELLANT: Richard Wicks
DOCKET NO.: 08-02080.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-33-110-010

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Richard Wicks, 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 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: \$ 3,120
IMPR.: \$ 16,260
TOTAL: \$ 19,380**

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property is improved with a one and one-half story dwelling of frame construction containing 1,309 square feet of living area. The dwelling was built in 1920. 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. They are located in areas with different neighborhood codes than the subject, and the appellant did not indicate their proximity to the subject. The appellant's comparables consist of one-story or two-story frame dwellings. They were built from 1880 to 1930. They contain 1,128 to 1,306 square feet of living area. Each has a basement and a garage. The comparables sold from January to March 2007 for \$23,000 to \$29,900 or \$20.39 to \$25.87 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 \$19,380 was disclosed. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$58,497 or \$44.69 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 are located in an area with the same neighborhood code as the subject. They consist of one-story¹ or one and one-half story frame dwellings that were built in 1900 or 1921. The dwellings have 1,137 to 1,488 square feet of living area. All have basements and central air conditioning, and one has a garage. The board of review's comparables sold from May 2007 to March 2008 for \$36,000 to \$64,900 or \$24.19 to \$57.08 per square foot of living area including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

In rebuttal the appellant provided MLS listing sheets related to the board of review's comparables and highlighted their differences from the subject. The appellant submitted a Peoria County property tax information document that listed a 9/28/2009 sale of the subject for \$28,600. 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 not 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 the appellant has not met this burden.

The record contains six suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The appellant's comparables are located in areas that have different neighborhood codes than the subject, and the appellant did not indicate their proximity to the subject. The board of review's comparables are located in the same neighborhood code area as the subject and are similar to the subject in size and functional design. The board of review's three comparables sold for \$36,000 to \$64,900 or \$24.19 to \$57.08 per square foot of living area including land. The subject's estimated market value of \$58,497 or \$44.69 per square foot of living area including land is within that range. The board of review's comparables have central air conditioning not enjoyed by the subject, but the subject has a garage that two of the board of review's comparables lack. The only comparable that has both a garage and central air conditioning sold for more than \$12 per

¹ The one-story dwellings offered by both parties have finished attic areas that make them functionally similar to one and one-half story dwellings.

square foot higher than the subject's estimated market value. The sale of the subject in late September of 2009 was 22 months removed from the assessment date and the appellant offered no details to determine whether the sale was an arm's-length transaction. After considering the evidence the Board finds the appellant has not proven by a preponderance of the evidence that the subject is overvalued and no 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.