



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

APPELLANT: Jerry Crayton
DOCKET NO.: 08-02145.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 13-13-311-003

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jerry Crayton, 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: \$ 2,920
IMPR.: \$ 23,360
TOTAL: \$ 26,280**

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property is improved with a one-story dwelling of frame construction containing 903 square feet of living area. The dwelling was built in 1970. It has a basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace 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 six or eight blocks from the subject. The appellant's comparables consist of one-story frame dwellings. They were built from 1971 to 1974. They contain 925 or 931 square feet of living area. All have central air conditioning and garages. The comparables sold from May 2007 to July 2008 for \$66,000 to \$67,500 or \$71.35 to \$72.97 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 \$26,280 was disclosed. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$79,324 or \$87.84 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. They are located in an area with the same neighborhood code as the subject. They consist of one-story frame dwellings that were built in 1969 or 1970. The dwellings have 825 or 903 square feet of living area. All have basements with finished recreation areas, central air conditioning, and garages. One has a fireplace. The board of review's comparables sold from March to November 2007 for \$77,900 to \$84,000 or \$86.93 to \$94.42 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 sheets related to the board of review's comparables and highlighted differences between them and the subject. The appellant pointed out that the board of review's comparable #2 offered a \$4,000 bonus to the purchaser. The appellant also 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 this burden has not been met.

The record contains six suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The comparables are similar in most property characteristics to the subject. However, none of the appellant's comparables have a basement enjoyed by the subject, and all of the board of review's comparables have recreation areas in their basements that the subject lacks. The six comparables sold for \$66,000 to \$84,000 or \$71.35 to \$94.42 per square foot of living area including land. The subject's estimated market value of \$79,324 or \$87.84 per square foot of living area including land is within this range. The MLS listing sheet for the board of review's comparable #2 indicates a \$4,000 bonus may have been paid to the buyer. If that were the case and the actual selling price dropped to \$73,900, the selling price would have been \$89.58 per square foot of living area including land, which is still higher than the subject's estimated per-square-foot market value. With the exception of the board of review's comparable #3, which has a per-square-foot selling price very close to the subject's estimated market on a per-square-foot basis, the subject's per-square-foot estimated market value is

higher than the appellant's comparables without basements and is lower than the board of review's comparables with recreation areas. Also, the subject has a fireplace enjoyed by only one other comparable. After considering the evidence the Board finds a preponderance of the evidence indicates the subject is not overvalued 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.

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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.