



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

APPELLANT: Kent C. Jones
DOCKET NO.: 08-02234.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 18-07-453-016

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Kent C. 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: \$850
IMPR: \$7,200
TOTAL: \$8,050**

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property consists of a one-story frame exterior dwelling containing 996 square feet of living area that was built in 1930 with a full, unfinished basement. Features include a detached garage.

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. None of the comparables are located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject, as defined by the local assessor. The proximity of location to the subject for each comparable was not disclosed, however, the appellant testified that all of the comparables were within 1.5-miles of the subject. The comparables consist of one-story or one and one-half story frame exterior dwellings that were built from 1900 to 1957; and contained from 816 to 918

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

square feet of living area. Each comparable has a full or partial unfinished basement and two have a detached garage. The comparables sold from September 2007 to June 2008 for prices ranging from \$12,500 to \$17,000 or from \$14.74 to \$20.83 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 \$8,050 was disclosed. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of approximately \$24,298 or \$24.40 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 four comparable sales. None of the comparables are located in the subject's assessment neighborhood code, as defined by the local assessor. Three of the comparables are depicted as being located from 0.358-mile to 0.894-mile from the subject. The proximity of location to the subject for comparable #3 was not disclosed. The comparables consist of one-story frame or aluminum or vinyl exterior dwellings that were built from 1920 to 1930 and contain from 924 to 1,394 square feet of living area. Three comparables have a full, unfinished basement and one has a partial, unfinished basement. Two comparables have a detached garage. The comparables sold from February 2007 to October 2008 for prices ranging from \$17,000 to \$32,900 or from \$18.40 to \$28.46 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 that the board of review's comparables were superior to the subject and that it is unfair to compare owner occupied dwellings to a rental dwelling.

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 Board finds the record contains seven suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight in its analysis to the comparables submitted by the appellant. These comparables were dissimilar to the subject in location,

design, garage area and/or age when compared to the subject. The Board also gave less weight in its analysis to the board of review's comparables #1 and #3. Each of these comparables did not have a garage similar to the subject and the proximity of location for comparable #3 was not disclosed. In addition, comparable #3 was much larger than the subject. The Property Tax Appeal Board finds the remaining comparables were most similar to the subject in age, size, design, and most features. These most similar comparables sold for \$32,900 and \$23,750 or \$28.46 and \$21.61, respectively, per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of approximately \$24,298 or \$24.40 per square foot of living area including land, which is within the range established in this record. After considering adjustments to the comparables for any differences when compared to the subject, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is supported 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.

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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.