



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

APPELLANT: Herman Crayton
DOCKET NO.: 08-03054.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 13-13-126-002

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Herman 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: \$3,670
IMPR.: \$26,990
TOTAL: \$30,660

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property consists of a 40 year-old, split-level style dwelling that contains 1,626 square feet of living area. Features of the home include central air conditioning and a finished basement or lower level. The subject is located in Peoria, Peoria Township, Peoria County.

Through his attorney, the appellant appeared before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted the subject's property record card, as well as multiple listing sheets and a grid analysis of three comparable properties located in the same neighborhood code as the subject, as determined by the township assessor. The comparables consist of split-level style frame or brick and frame dwellings that were built in 1967 or 1968 and range in size from 775 to 1,031 square feet of living area. Features of the comparables include basements that contain from 576 to 700 square feet of finished area and garages that contain from 240 to 324 square feet of building area. Two comparables have central air conditioning and two have a fireplace. These properties sold between March 2007 and March

2008 for prices ranging from \$63,200 to \$76,000 or from \$61.29 to \$87.96 per square foot of living area including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$22,670, reflecting a market value of approximately \$68,010.

During the hearing, the appellant's attorney asserted that if the appellant's comparables were to include the finished lower levels in their total living area, these properties would range in size from 1,440 to 1,790 square feet and their sales prices would range from \$35.31 to \$52.78 per square foot on this basis.

The board of review submitted its Board of Review Notes on Appeal wherein the subject's total assessment of \$30,660 was disclosed. The subject has an estimated market value of \$92,545 or \$56.92 per square foot of living area including land, as reflected by its assessment and Peoria County's 2008 three-year median level of assessments of 33.13%.

In support of the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment, the board of review submitted property record cards and a grid analysis of three comparable properties located in the same assessor's assigned neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables consist of split-level style frame dwellings that were built in 1968 and range in size from 1,550 to 1,788 square feet of living area. Features of the comparables include central air conditioning and basements that have 775 to 1,025 square feet of finished area. These properties sold between April and December 2008 for prices ranging from \$93,000 to \$127,000 or from \$52.54 to \$71.03 per square foot of living area including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

In rebuttal, the appellant argued the board of review's comparables have features not enjoyed by the subject and estimated \$40,000 to \$50,000 would need to be spent to bring the subject up to the quality of the board of review's comparable #1. The appellant submitted no evidence from the market to substantiate this allegation.

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 Property Tax Appeal Board further finds no reduction in the subject property's assessment is warranted.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. When market value is the basis of the appeal, the value must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. National City Bank of Michigan/Illinois v. Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board, 331 Ill.App.3d 1038 (3rd Dist. 2002). After analyzing the market evidence submitted, the Board finds the appellant has failed to meet this burden.

The Board finds the parties submitted six comparables for its consideration. After agreement by the parties at the hearing as to the appellant's comparables' living areas, the Board finds all the comparables submitted by the parties were similar to the subject in design, living area, location and most features and sold for prices ranging from \$63,200 to \$127,000 or from \$35.31 to \$71.03 per square foot of living area including land. The subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment of \$92,545 or \$56.92 per square foot of living area including land falls within this range. After considering adjustments and differences in both parties' comparables when compared to the subject, the Board finds the evidence in the record supports the subject's assessment 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: March 23, 2012

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.