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

APPELLANT: Joseph Claps
DOCKET NO.: 08-20793.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-12-111-038-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Joseph Claps, the appellant(s), by attorney Richard J. Caldarazzo, of Mar Cal Law, P.C. in Chicago; and the Cook 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 **Cook** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

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| **LAND:** | $ 10,676 |
| **IMPR.:** | $ 47,043 |
| **TOTAL:** | $ 57,719 |

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

## ANALYSIS

The subject property consists of a 7,850 square foot parcel of land improved with a 110 year old, two-story, frame, single-family dwelling containing 2,185 square feet of living area. The appellant argued there was unequal treatment in the assessment process of the improvement as the basis of this appeal.

In support of the equity argument, the appellant submitted descriptions and assessment information on a total of four properties suggested as comparable. The properties are described as two-story, masonry, frame, or frame and masonry, single-family dwellings. The properties have varying amenities. They range: in age from 85 to 130 years; in size from 1,960 to 2,082 square feet of living area; and in improvement assessments from

$18.17 to $20.96 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's improvement assessment of $47,043 or $21.53 per square foot of living area was disclosed. In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review submitted descriptions and assessment information on four properties suggested as comparable. The properties are described as two-story, frame, single-family dwellings. The comparables have varying amenities. They range: in age from 94 to 115 years; in size from 1,970 to 2,160 square feet of living area; and in improvement assessments from $21.78 to $24.08 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

At hearing, the parties rested on the evidence previously submitted.

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 appellant contends unequal treatment in the subject's improvement assessment as the basis of the appeal. Taxpayers who object to an assessment on the basis of lack of uniformity bear the burden of proving the disparity of assessment valuations by clear and convincing evidence. Kankakee County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 131 Ill.2d 1 (1989). After an analysis of the assessment data, the PTAB finds the appellant has not met this burden.

The parties presented a total of eight properties suggested as comparable. The PTAB finds the appellant’s comparables #2 and #3 and the board of review's comparables most similar to the subject in size, design, construction, location, and/or age. These properties range: in age from 94 to 130 years; in size from 1,960 to 2,160 square feet of living area; and in improvement assessments from $20.02 to $24.08 per square foot of living area. In comparison, the subject's improvement assessment of $21.53 per square foot of living area is within the range of these comparables. Therefore, after considering adjustments and the differences in both parties' comparables when compared to the subject, the PTAB finds the subject's per square foot improvement assessment is supported and a reduction in the improvement assessment 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.

Chairman

Member

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Member

Member

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 21, 2014

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.