



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

APPELLANT: Konrad Kothmann
DOCKET NO.: 08-21791.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 05-20-319-014-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Konrad Kothmann, the appellant, by attorney Howard W. Melton of Howard W. Melton and Associates 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:

**LAND: \$52,913
IMPR: \$248,376
TOTAL: \$301,289**

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property is improved with a two-story dwelling of frame and masonry construction containing 7,488 square feet of living area. The dwelling is 7 years old. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a 2-car garage.

The appellant's appeal is based on unequal treatment in the assessment process. The appellant submitted information on six comparable properties, however, detailed descriptive information was not provided for comparables #5 and #6. The Board will give less weight to the comparables that do not have descriptive information. The four remaining comparables are described as single-story, one and ½-story or two-story frame, masonry or frame and masonry dwellings that range in age from 12 to 41 years old. The comparable dwellings range in size from 5,261 to 8,930 square feet of living area. Two comparables have full unfinished basements and two comparables have partial basements of which one basement is finished with a recreation room. Each comparable has central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a 2-car or 3-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$26.15 to \$30.31 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment is \$33.17 per square foot of

living area. The appellant claimed a market value for comparables #1, #2, #3 and #4 but, failed to submit sales information to support this value. The Board will give less weight to the comparables that do not have information to support this market value. 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 final assessment was disclosed. The board of review presented descriptions and assessment information on four comparable properties consisting of two-story masonry dwellings that range in age from 59 to 73 years old. The dwellings range in size from 6,126 to 6,761 square feet of living area. Three comparables have a partial basement of which two basements are finished with a recreation room, one comparable has a full unfinished basement. Three comparables have central air conditioning, fireplaces ranging from 2 to 4 and a 2-car to 3.5-car garage. These properties have improvement assessments ranging from \$42.00 to \$58.06 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

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 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 Board finds the appellant has not met this burden.

The Board finds the comparables submitted by the appellant are dissimilar based on their square feet of living area. The Board finds the comparables submitted by the board of review were substantially older. The Board finds the comparables submitted by both parties were not particularly similar to the subject property. However, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds all of the comparables submitted by the parties had improvement assessments ranging from \$26.15 to \$58.06 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$33.17 per square foot of living area falls within this range. After considering adjustments and the differences in both parties' comparables when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's improvement assessment is equitable and a reduction in the subject's 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.

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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.