



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

APPELLANT: Jan Pagone
DOCKET NO.: 08-22593.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 09-22-416-024-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jan Pagone, the appellant, by attorney Joanne Elliott of Elliott & Associates, P.C. in Des Plaines; 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: \$ 11,298
IMPR.: \$ 63,544
TOTAL: \$ 74,842

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property is improved with a two-story dwelling of frame and masonry construction. The dwelling is approximately 38 years old and contains 2,991 square feet of living area. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a two-car garage. The subject property is located in Park Ridge, Maine Township, Cook County.

The appellant's appeal is based on unequal treatment in the assessment process. The appellant submitted information on four suggested comparable properties described as two-story dwellings of frame and masonry construction. The comparable properties are located from 0.37 to 0.77 of a mile from the subject property, but none of the comparables have the same assigned neighborhood code as the subject. The comparable dwellings are from 37 to 42 years old and contain from 2,826 to 3,036 square feet of living area. Each comparable has a garage, a fireplace, and an unfinished basement, either full or partial. Three comparables have central air conditioning. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$45,360 to \$49,088 or from \$15.05 to \$16.72 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment is \$63,544 or \$21.25 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$48,125 or \$16.09 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's final assessment of \$74,842 was disclosed. The board of review presented descriptions and assessment information on four suggested comparable properties consisting of two-story dwellings of frame and masonry construction. The comparable properties have the same assigned neighborhood code as the subject, and two comparables are located one-quarter mile from the subject property. The dwellings are from 34 to 46 years old and contain from 2,778 to 3,067 square feet of living area. Two comparables have full unfinished basements; and two comparables have finished basements, either full or partial. Each comparable has a garage and central air conditioning. Three comparables have one or two fireplaces. These properties have improvement assessments ranging from \$60,966 to \$65,840 or from \$21.03 to \$22.02 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.

Both parties presented assessment data on a total of eight suggested comparables. All of the comparables submitted were very similar to the subject in age, size, design, exterior construction, and foundation. The Board finds that the appellant's comparable #4 was the only comparable submitted by the appellant that was proximate to the subject. As a result, the appellant's comparables #1 through #3 received reduced weight in the Board's analysis. The Board finds the appellant's comparable #4 and the board of review comparables were most similar to the subject in location. As a result, these five comparables received the most weight in the Board's analysis. These comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$47,263 to \$65,840 or from \$16.72 to \$22.02 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$63,544 or \$21.25 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the most similar comparables. 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: August 23, 2013

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.