



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

APPELLANT: Cynthia Helle
DOCKET NO.: 08-22685.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 05-27-110-008-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Cynthia Helle, the appellant, by attorney Edward Larkin, of Larkin & Larkin in Park Ridge; 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: \$ 55,748
IMPR.: \$ 194,686
TOTAL: \$ 250,434

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property consists of a 19,910 square foot parcel of land improved with a 78-year old, two-story, stucco, single-family dwelling containing 5,420 square feet of building area, five baths, air conditioning, two fireplaces, and a full, unfinished basement. The appellant argued unequal treatment in the assessment process as the basis of this appeal.

In support of this argument, the appellant, via counsel, appeared before the Property Tax Appeal Board and submitted data and descriptions on a total of three properties suggested as comparable to the subject and located in the subject property's neighborhood. The properties are described as two-story, masonry, or frame and masonry, single-family dwellings with between four and five full and two half baths, one to four fireplaces, and a partial or full basement for two properties. The properties range: in age from 68 to 81 years; in size from 5,413 to 6,662 square feet of building area; and in improvement assessments from \$25.05 to \$32.32 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 \$194,686 or \$35.92 per square foot of living area was disclosed. In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review presented descriptions and assessment information on four properties suggested as comparable and located in the subject's neighborhood. The properties are described as two-story, stucco, single-family dwellings with between three and one-half and three full with three-half baths, air conditioning for three properties, one to four fireplaces, and a partial or full basement. The properties are 87 to 114 years old and range in size from 5,121 to 6,463 square feet of building area and in improvement assessments from \$36.19 to \$39.05 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

In rebuttal, the appellant submitted a letter that stated that the board of review's suggested comparables were farther from the subject than the appellant's suggested comparables.

At hearing, the appellant's attorney argued that the subject's assessment should be reduced as the board of review reduced the subject's 2010 assessment pursuant to Hoyne Savings & Loan Assoc. v. Hare, 60 Ill.2d 84, 90, 322 N.E.2d 833, 836 (1974); 400 Condominium Assoc. v. Tully, 79 Ill.App.3d 686, 690, 398 N.E.2d 951, 954 (1st Dist. 1979) wherein the court found, "a substantial reduction in the subsequent year's assessment is indicative of the validity of the prior year's assessment". The board of review's representative argued that 2010 is in a different triennial period than 2007 and therefore the Hoyne Savings and Loan Association case is not applicable.

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 seven suggested comparable properties. The PTAB finds the board of review's comparables #2 and #3 and appellant's comparable #1 most similar to the subject in design, age, size, location, and construction. The properties are described as two-story, stucco or masonry, single-family dwellings. The properties range: in age from 73 to 91 years; in size from 5,121 to 5,413 square feet of living area; and in improvement assessments from \$32.32 to \$39.05 per square foot of living area. In comparison, the subject's improvement assessment of \$35.92 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 Board finds the subject's per square foot improvement assessment is supported and a reduction in the improvement assessment is not warranted.

Additionally the Board finds no reduction is warranted pursuant to the Hoyne Savings & Loan Assoc. decision. The Board finds that 2008 and 2010 are in different triennial assessment periods. Moreover, the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance level of assessment for Class 2 properties was 16% in 2008 and was 10% in 2010. Therefore, the Board finds no reduction in the subject's assessment 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: June 22, 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.