FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Milutin Jovanovic
DOCKET NO.: 08-24597.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 13-29-220-035-1006

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Milutin Jovanovic, the appellant(s), by attorney Mary T. Nicolau, of Smith/Nicolau 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:

LAND:	$ 1,056
IMPR.:	$ 13,443
TOTAL:	$ 14,499

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property is composed of one unit of a six unit residential condominium building. The subject unit has a 12.209% ownership interest in the condominium. The property is a class 2-99 residential condominium under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance (hereinafter "Ordinance") and is located in Chicago, Jefferson Township, Cook County. Class 2-99 property has an Ordinance level of assessment of 9.60% for the 2008 tax year.

In support of the market value argument, the appellant submitted evidence showing that the subject sold in January 2009 for $68,250. This evidence included the first page of a signed settlement statement which identifies the seller as

CitiMortgage, a lender. Furthermore, the appellant's pleadings regarding Section IV-Recent Sale Data was blank and not executed. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's combined total assessment of $14,499 was disclosed. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of $151,031 when applying the Ordinance level of assessment of 9.60% for the 2008 tax year.

In support of the assessment the board of review submitted an analysis prepared by Matt Panush, an analyst with the Cook County Board of Review. He indicated the total consideration for seven sales of residential units in the subject's condominium from 2005 to 2007 was $1,580,000. The analyst deducted $31,598 or 2% of the total sales prices from the total consideration to account for personal property to arrive at a total adjusted consideration of $1,548,402. Dividing the total adjusted consideration by the percentage of interest of ownership in the condominium for the units that sold of 86.63% indicated a full value for the condominium property of $1,787,435. The analyst then applied the subject’s percentage of interest of 12.209% to arrive at a full market value for the subject of $218,228. 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 (the "Board") finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal.

When overvaluation is claimed, the appellant has the burden of proving the value of the property by a preponderance of the evidence. Cook Cnty. Bd. of Review v. Prop. Tax Appeal Bd., 339 Ill. App. 3d 529, 545 (1st Dist. 2002); National City Bank of Michigan/Illinois v. Prop. Tax Appeal Bd., 331 Ill. App. 3d 1038, 1042 (3d Dist. 2002) (citing Winnebago Cnty. Bd. of Review v. Prop. Tax Appeal Bd., 313 Ill. App. 3d 179 (2d Dist. 2000)); 86 Ill. Admin. Code § 1910.63(e). Proof of market value may consist of an appraisal, a recent arm's length sale of the subject property, recent sales of comparable properties, or recent construction costs of the subject property. Calumet Transfer, LLC v. Prop. Tax Appeal Bd., 401 Ill. App. 3d 652, 655 (1st Dist. 2010); 86 Ill. Admin. Code § 1910.65(c). Having considered the evidence presented, the Board finds that the evidence indicates a reduction is not warranted.

In addressing the appellant's market value argument, the Board finds that the sale of the subject in January 2009 for $68,250 is a "compulsory sale." A "compulsory sale" is defined as:

> (i) the sale of real estate for less than the amount owed to the mortgage lender or mortgagor, if the lender or mortgagor has agreed to the sale, commonly referred to as a "short sale" and (ii) the first sale of real estate owned by a financial institution as a result of a judgment of foreclosure, transfer pursuant to a deed in lieu of foreclosure, or consent judgment, occurring after the foreclosure proceeding is complete.

35 ILCS 200/1-23. Real property in Illinois must be assessed at its fair cash value, which can only be estimated absent any compulsion on either party.

> Illinois law requires that all real property be valued at its fair cash value, estimated at the price it would bring at a fair voluntary sale where the owner is ready, willing, and able to sell but not compelled to do so, and the buyer is likewise ready, willing, and able to buy, but is not forced to do so.

Bd. of Educ. of Meridian Cmty. Unit Sch. Dist. No. 223 v. Ill. Prop. Tax Appeal Bd., 961 N.E. 2d 794, 802 (2d Dist. 2011) (citing Chrysler Corp. v. Ill. Prop. Tax Appeal Bd., 69 Ill. App. 3d 207, 211 (2d Dist. 1979)).

However, when there is a recent sale of the subject, and that sale is a compulsory sale, the Board may consider evidence which would show whether the sale price was representative of the subject's fair cash value. Calumet Transfer, 401 Ill. App. 3d at 655-56. In this case, the appellant's evidence did not dispute that the sale was pursuant to a foreclosure and therefore, a compulsory sale. In addition, the appellant did not submit any such evidence to show that the sale of the subject in January 2009 for $68,250 was at its fair cash value. Such evidence could have included the descriptive and sales information for recently sold properties that are similar to the subject. See id. at 656. Since there is no evidence that the sale price of the subject was at its fair cash value, the Board finds that the subject is not overvalued and a reduction 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.