



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

APPELLANT: Dorothy Janowicz  
DOCKET NO.: 08-25553.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 12-11-325-024-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Dorothy Janowicz, the appellant, by attorney Brian S. Maher of Weis, DuBrock, Doody & Maher, 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:** \$7,200  
**IMPR.:** \$29,860  
**TOTAL:** \$37,060

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**ANALYSIS**

The subject property is improved with a one-story dwelling of masonry construction containing 1,166 square feet of living area. The dwelling was approximately 41 years old. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement, central air conditioning and a two-car detached garage. The property has a 5,000 square foot site and is located in Norridge, Leyden Township, Cook County.

The appellant's appeal is based on assessment inequity with respect to the improvement assessment. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four comparable properties described as one-story dwellings of frame or masonry construction that ranged in size from 1,166 to 1,516 square feet of living area. The dwellings were 42 or 43 years old. The appellant did not disclose whether the comparables had basements. One comparable had central air conditioning and each comparable had a two-car detached garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$29,328 to \$34,930 or from \$23.04 to \$25.20 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment is \$29,860 or \$25.61 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment to \$28,450.

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 improved with one-story dwellings of masonry construction that each had 1,166 square feet of living area. Each of the dwellings was 41 years old. Each comparable has the same neighborhood code as the subject property and is located along the same street and within the same block as the subject property. Each comparable has a full unfinished basement, central air conditioning and a two-car detached garage. These properties have improvement assessments of \$29,860 and \$31,617 or \$25.61 and \$27.12 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 the evidence in the record does not support a reduction in the subject's assessment.

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 assessments by clear and convincing evidence. Kankakee County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 131 Ill.2d 1 (1989); 86 Ill.Admin.Code 1910.63(e). The evidence must demonstrate a consistent pattern of assessment inequities within the assessment jurisdiction. After an analysis of the assessment data, the Board finds the appellant has not met this burden of proof.

The Board finds the board of review comparables are the most similar to the subject in location, size, style, exterior construction, features and age. Due to their similarities to the subject, these comparables received the most weight in the Board's analysis. These comparables had improvement assessments of \$25.61 and \$27.12 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$25.61 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement assessment was inequitable and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not justified.

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.

*Donald R. Cuit*

Chairman

*K. L. Fern*

Member

*Frank A. Huff*

Member

*Mario Morris*

Member

*J. R.*

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: December 20, 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.