FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Ashraf Abourahma
DOCKET NO.: 08-26105.001-C-1 through 08-26105.004-C-1
PARCEL NO.: See Below

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Ashraf Abourahma, the appellant(s), by attorney John P. Fitzgerald, of Fitzgerald Law Group, 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 **a reduction** 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:

DOCKET NO	PARCEL NUMBER	LAND	IMPRVMT	TOTAL
08-26105.001-C-1	24-05-414-025-0000	15,734	34,168	$49,902
08-26105.002-C-1	24-05-414-026-0000	15,734	17,576	$33,310
08-26105.003-C-1	24-05-414-027-0000	15,734	984	$16,718
08-26105.004-C-1	24-05-414-030-0000	13,594	17,576	$31,170

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property consists of 12,075 square feet of land improved with a 47-year old, one-story, masonry, commercial building. The appellant argues that the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in the property's assessed valuation as the basis of this appeal.

In support of the market value argument, the appellant submitted a summary appraisal report of the subject property with an effective date of January 1, 2008. The appraiser estimated a market value for the subject of $345,000, based upon the sales comparison approach to value. Based upon this evidence, the appellant requests a reduction in the subject's assessment. The appraisal indicates the subject was inspected and listed the subject's size as 5,125 square feet of building area. The appraisal further opines that the sale of the subject in March 2005 was not an arm's length transaction.

The board of review submitted "Board of Review-Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's total assessment was $175,274. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of $461,247 using the Cook County Ordinance level of assessment of 38% for class

5a, commercial property. The board of review lists the subject as containing 5,185 square feet of building area.

In addition, the board of review submitted detailed descriptive and sales data on five suggested industrial properties. These properties sold from July 1995 to May 2009 for prices ranging from $320,000 to $925,000 or from $53.33 to $230.96 per square foot of building area. The board also submitted a copy of the trustee's deed and a printout from the recorder of deed's website indicating the subject sold in May 2005 for $695,000. Based upon this evidence, the board requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

After considering the arguments and reviewing the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal 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. National City Bank of Michigan/Illinois v. Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board, 331Ill.App.3d 1038 (3rd Dist. 2002); Winnebago County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 313 Ill.App.3d 179 (2nd Dist. 2000). 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. 86 Ill.Admin.Code 1910.65(c). Having considered the evidence presented, the Board concludes that the appellant has met this burden and that a reduction is warranted.

In determining the fair market value of the subject property, the Board thoroughly considered the parties' evidence and finds the best evidence to be the appellant's appraisal. The Board finds this appraisal to be persuasive for the appraiser inspected the subject property and developed the sales comparison approach to value in estimating the subject's market value. Moreover, market data was used to obtain improved sale comparables while providing sufficient detail regarding each sale as well as appropriate adjustments, where necessary. The Board gives diminished weight to the sale of the subject in 2005 because the arm's length nature of the sale was not established and the board of review has assessed the property for a market value significantly less than the sale price.

Therefore, the Board finds that the subject property contained a market value of $345,000 for tax year 2008. Since the market value of the subject has been established, the Cook County Ordinance level of assessment of 38% for class 5a, commercial property will apply and a reduction 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.

Chairman

Member

Member

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: October 18, 2013

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.