



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

APPELLANT: Kerry Dollitt
DOCKET NO.: 08-26137.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 18-07-419-033-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Kerry Dollitt, the appellant; 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.: \$35,705
TOTAL: \$42,905

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property is improved with a multi-level dwelling of frame and masonry construction containing 1,283 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 44 years old and features a partial finished basement, central air conditioning and a two-car detached garage.

The appellant submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming unequal treatment in the assessment process. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on three comparable properties. The comparables consist of multi-level frame and masonry dwellings that range in age from 45 to 49 years old. The comparables have the same assigned neighborhood code and are located on the same street as the subject property. The dwellings range in size from 1,269 to 1,283 square feet of living area. The comparables have partial finished basements and two-car detached garages. Comparables #1 and #2 have a fireplace. The comparables have land assessments of \$3,600 or \$.96 per square foot of land area. The subject has a land assessment of \$7,200 or \$.96 per square foot of land area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$15,457 to \$19,676 or from \$12.05 to \$15.51 per square foot of living area. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$35,705 or \$27.83 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence,

the appellant requested reductions in the subject's land and improvement assessments.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's final assessment of \$42,905 was disclosed. In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review presented descriptions and assessment information on four comparable properties. They consist of multi-level frame and masonry dwellings that range in age from 43 to 52 years old. The comparables have the same assigned neighborhood code as the subject property. Comparable #4 is located on the same block as the subject property. The dwellings range in size from 1,212 to 1,343 square feet of living area. The comparables have partial finished basements, central air conditioning and a one or two-car garage. Comparables #1 and #4 have a fireplace. The comparables have land assessments ranging from \$7,200 to \$8,064 or \$.96 per square foot of land area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$36,051 to \$39,363 or from \$29.31 to \$30.34 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 additional information on the appellants' comparables #1 and #2 and an additional comparable not previously submitted. Since this evidence was not timely filed, it will not be accepted.

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 land and 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). 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.

The parties submitted a total of seven comparable properties to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board.

As to the land inequity argument, The Board finds the comparables submitted by both parties are assessed at the same rate of \$.96 per square foot of land area. The Board finds that the appellant has failed to demonstrate an inconsistent pattern of land assessment equity and a reduction is not warranted.

As to the improvement inequity argument, the Board finds all seven comparables submitted by both parties were very similar to the subject in location, age, size and exterior construction. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$15,457 to \$39,363 or from \$12.05 to 30.34 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$35,705 or \$27.83 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by these comparables. 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: July 22, 2011

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.