FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Alex Drapatsky
DOCKET NO.: 08-27054.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 20-23-119-007-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Alex Drapatsky, the appellant(s), by attorney Steven Kandelman, of Sarnoff & Baccash 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:

LAND:	$ 3,674
IMPR.:	$7,090
TOTAL:	$10,764

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property consists of a 3,402 square foot parcel of land improved with a 103-year old, two-story, masonry, multi-family dwelling containing 2,700 square feet of living area, two baths, and a full, unfinished basement. 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 included a copy of the settlement statement indicating the subject sold on March 28, 2008 for $112,125. The statement indicates fees where paid to a realtor. The settlement statement also lists the grantee as a property management company and the grantor as a

investment company. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted "Board of Review-Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's total assessment of $16,634. The subject's final assessment reflects a fair market value of $173,271 or $64.17 per square foot of living area using the Illinois Department of Revenue's 2008 three year median level of assessment for class 2 property of 9.60%.

In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review submitted descriptions and assessment information on four properties. These properties are described as two-story, masonry, multi-family dwellings with various amenities. The properties range: in age from 98 to 117 years; in size from 2,314 to 2,772 square feet of living area; and in improvement assessments from $5.99 to $7.28 per square foot of living area. One of these properties sold in September 2005 for $300,000. As a result of this analysis, the board requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

After considering the evidence and reviewing the record, 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).

The PTAB finds the best evidence of the subject's market value is the sale of the subject in March 2008 for $112,125. The settlement statement lists the grantee as a property management company and the grantor as an investment company which support the arm's length nature of the sale.

Based on this record the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that the subject property had a market value of $112,125 for the 2008 assessment year. Since market value has been determined, the Illinois Department of Revenue’s three year median level of

assessment of 9.60% for Class 2 properties shall 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: April 18, 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.