



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

APPELLANT: Devon Bank Trust u/t 7288
DOCKET NO.: 08-30030.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 11-32-119-022-1002

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Devon Bank Trust u/t 7288, the appellant, by attorney Adam E. Bossov, of Law Offices of Adam E. Bossov, 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: \$ 3,027
IMPR.: \$ 60,882
TOTAL: \$ 63,909

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property is improved with a class 2-99 residential condominium unit located in Rogers Park Township, Cook County. It is part of a four-unit building that is situated on a 7,300 square foot site. The appellant argued that the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed value.

In support of this overvaluation argument the appellant submitted a copy of a settlement statement dated March 28, 2008 indicating the subject was purchased by the appellant for \$266,685. The settlement statement indicates no real estate brokers were involved in the transaction and that the borrower and lender were both Devon Bank. The signatures for both the borrower and seller on the settlement statement are identical as well, indicating that these parties are related and this is a non-arm's-length transaction. The settlement statement also shows a loan amount of \$800,000. Additionally, an unexecuted contract was attached. The petitioner failed to complete Section IV of the Property Tax Appeal Board petition disclosing the circumstances surrounding the sale. A comparative market analysis for neighboring properties was also attached. Based on this evidence the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to reflect the subject's purchase price.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review-Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's total assessment of \$63,909 was disclosed. This assessment reflects a market value of \$665,719 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 also submitted a memo from Matt Panush, Cook County Board of Review Analyst. The memorandum shows that two units, or 40% of ownership, within the subject's building sold between 2005 and 2008 for a total of \$878,500. An allocation of two percent per unit for personal property was subtracted from the aggregate sales price then divided by the percentage of interest of units sold to arrive at a total market value for the building of \$2,152,325. The subject's percentage of ownership, 30%, was then utilized to arrive at a value for the subject unit of \$645,698. The board also submitted a grid listing for each unit in the building: the property identification number; the percentage of ownership; the assessment; and sales dates and prices of units that sold between 2005 and 2008. As a result of its analysis, the board 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.

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 PTAB concludes that the evidence indicates a reduction is not warranted.

The appellant in this appeal submitted a settlement statement for the subject property showing a purchase price of \$266,685 in March 2008. The evidence reflects, however, that this was not an arm's-length transaction as the borrower and seller appear to be related parties. Additionally, the sales from the subject building submitted by the appellant as well as the board of review, without taking in account the personal property deduction, support the subject's current market value. Therefore, based on the evidence contained in the record, the appellant has not proven by a preponderance of the evidence that the subject is overvalued.

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: November 22, 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.