



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

APPELLANT: Chris Zentic
DOCKET NO.: 09-06224.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 06-06-10-100-025

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Chris Zentic, the appellant; and the Mercer 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 Mercer County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$ 3,490
IMPR.: \$63,150
TOTAL: \$66,640

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property consists of residential property located in Richland Grove Township, Mercer County.

The appellant submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming the subject's assessment was not reflective of its fair market value. In support of this claim, the appellant submitted an appraisal report wherein the subject property was estimated to have a fair market value of \$200,000 as of January 2, 2009.

The appellant's appeal petition indicates Mercer County assessment officials assessed the subject at \$72,005, which reflects an estimated market value of \$216,101, using Mercer County's 2009 three-year median level of assessments of 33.32% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessed valuation.

The board of review did not submit its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" or any evidence in support of subject's assessed

valuation as required by Section 1910.40(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.40(a)).

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 Property Tax Appeal Board further finds a reduction in the assessment of the subject property is warranted.

The appellant contends the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessment. When market value is the basis of the appeal the value of the property must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. National City Bank of Michigan/Illinois v. Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board, 331 Ill.App.3d 1038 (3rd Dist. 2002). The Board finds the appellant has met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The appellant submitted an appraisal report wherein the subject property was estimated to have a fair market value of \$200,000 as of January 2, 2009. The board of review did not submit any valuation evidence to support its assessment of the subject property or refute the value conclusion contained in the appellant's evidence as required by Section 1910.40(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.40(a)). Thus, the board of review was found to be in default. (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.69(a)). Based on this record, the subject property's total assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$216,101, which is greater than the appraisal submitted by the appellant. Therefore, a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted. Since fair market value has been established, Mercer County's three-year median level of assessments of 33.32% shall apply.

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

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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: June 22, 2012

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.