



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

APPELLANT: Meghan Sircher and Mario Jurkovic
DOCKET NO.: 09-21617.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-29-129-004-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Meghan Sircher and Mario Jurkovic, the appellant(s); 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: \$ 15,475
IMPR: \$ 21,460
TOTAL: \$ 36,935

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property consists of 2,976 square feet of land improved with a one-story, frame dwelling. The improvement contains 1,040 square feet of living area as well as one and one half-bathrooms, an unfinished basement, and a two-car garage.

As to the merits of this appeal, the appellant argued that the fair market value of the subject is not accurately reflected in its assessed value as the basis for this appeal.

The appellant's pleadings include recent sales data reflecting that the subject property is located in Chicago and that it sold on August 20, 2009 for \$415,000. The appellant enclosed a copy of the property's escrow receipt and disbursement authorization and the closing settlement statement indicating such a sale. The appellant's evidence also indicates: that the subject property was listed for sale by a realtor on the open market; that the sale was not a transfer between family members or related corporations; and that the buyer did not assume the seller's mortgage. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's final assessment was disclosed as \$60,507. This assessment reflected a total market value of \$679,854 or \$653.70 per square foot based upon the application of the Illinois Department of Revenue's three-year median level of assessment for tax year 2009 of 8.90% for class 2 property, as is the subject property.

The board of review submitted descriptive and assessment data relating to two suggested comparables located within one-quarter mile of the subject property. The properties are improved with 116-year old, one-story or a one half-story, frame dwellings. They contain one and one half-baths to two baths and full basements. They range in size from 1,036 to 1,176 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments between \$43.45 to \$45.20.

In addition, the board's grid indicated that comparable #2 sold on March 1, 2007 for \$508,000 or \$431.97 per square foot of living area. As a result of this analysis, the board requested confirmation of 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. *86 Ill.Admin.Code 1910.63(e)*. 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 finds that the appellant has met the burden of demonstrating that the subject is overvalued and that a reduction is warranted.

The Board finds that the best evidence of market value was the recent purchase of the subject property. The unrebutted evidence demonstrated that the subject sold on August 20, 2009 for \$415,000. The Board further finds that the board of review failed to proffer any evidence indicating either that this sale was not an arm's length transaction or that there were sales comparables located within the subject's area which rebutted the validity of the subject's sale price.

On the basis of this analysis, the Board finds that the subject had a fair market value of \$415,000 as of the 2009 assessment date at issue. Since fair market value has been established, the Department of Revenue median level of assessment for Cook County class 2, residential property of 8.9% for tax year 2009 shall apply to this subject property.

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

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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: March 23, 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.