



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

APPELLANT: Sidney Horwitz
DOCKET NO.: 09-31861.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 05-06-201-106-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Sidney Horwitz, the appellant, by attorney Arnold G. Siegel, of Siegel & Callahan, 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 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: \$ 90,916
IMPR.: \$ 211,764
TOTAL: \$ 302,680

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property consists of 55,101 square feet of land improved with an 11-year old, part one-story and part two-story, masonry and frame, single-family dwelling. The improvement contains a partial basement, four full and two half-baths, three fireplaces and a three-car garage.

The appellant argued that the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in the property's assessed valuation as the bases of this appeal.

As an ancillary issue, the appellant's argued that the subject's improvement size as determined by the assessor's office is incorrect and should reflect 8,117 square feet of living area. In support thereof, the appellant submitted a cover memorandum and building diagrams by a land survey company reflecting this size. In comparison, the board of review submitted a copy of the subject's property characteristic printout indicating the subject's size as 9,644 square feet of living area.

In support of the market value argument, the appellant submitted a residential appraisal report of the subject property with an

effective date of January 1, 2007. The appraisers estimated a market value for the subject of \$2,720,000, based upon development of the cost and sales comparison approaches to value. In addition, the appellant's pleadings reflect that the requested total assessment for this subject property is \$302,680.

The board of review submitted "Board of Review-Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's total assessment was \$402,679. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$4,524,483 using the Illinois Department of Revenue median level of assessment for class 2, residential property of 8.90% for tax year 2009.

In addition, the board of review submitted detailed descriptive and assessment data on four suggested equity comparables. These properties ranged in improvement assessments from \$32.85 to \$54.12 per square foot. Moreover, the grid reflected sales data relating to property #1. Based upon this evidence, the board requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

After considering the arguments and reviewing the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal. After submission of evidence, the parties waived the right to hearing.

As to the ancillary issue of the subject's size, the Board finds the best evidence was submitted by the appellant; and therefore, the subject's improvement contains 8,117 square feet of living area.

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, 331 Ill.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 Board concludes that the appellant has met this burden and that a reduction is warranted.

In determining the fair market value of the subject property, the Board thoroughly considered the parties' evidence and finds the best evidence to be the appellant's appraisal. The Board finds this appraisal to be persuasive for the appraisers inspected the subject property and developed both the cost and sales comparison approaches to value in estimating the subject's market value. Moreover, market data was used to obtain improved sale comparables while providing sufficient detail regarding each sale as well as appropriate adjustments, where necessary.

In contrast, the Board finds that the board of review failed to proffer market data in support of the subject's valuation. All that the board of review submitted was raw, unadjusted sales data

relating solely to property #4 without evidence of an arm's length transaction.

Therefore, the Board finds that the market evidence supports the appellant's requested reduction; therefore, the Board finds that 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.

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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: October 18, 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.