



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

APPELLANT: Mohsin Sheikh
DOCKET NO.: 09-34878.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 29-22-100-019-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Mohsin Sheikh, the appellant, by attorney Donald L. Schramm of Rieff Schramm Kanter & Guttman 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: \$2,175
IMPR: \$15,277
TOTAL: \$17,452**

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Cook County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2009 tax year. The Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of the appeal.

Findings of Fact

The subject property consists of a one and one-half story dwelling of frame construction. The dwelling is approximately 70 years old and has 2,262 square feet of living area. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement, a fireplace and a two and one-half car garage. The property has a 5,800 square foot site and is located in South Holland, Thornton Township,

Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-04 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant's appeal is based on overvaluation. The appellant did not complete section IV - Recent Sale Data of the residential appeal form and did not disclose the sale price of the subject property. The appellant did provide a copy of the warranty deed dated July 29, 2009. The warranty deed revealed that a state real estate transfer tax of \$81.00 had been paid. The appellant requested that the subject's assessment be reduced to \$7,209.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$17,452. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$196,090 or \$86.69 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2009 three year average median level of assessments for class 2 property of 8.90% under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales. The board of review also submitted print-outs of the subject's deed history from the Cook County Recorder of Deeds' website. The print-outs revealed that the subject's July 2009 sale was compulsory due to foreclosure. The board of review's evidence also revealed that the subject property sold in July 2009 for \$81,000.

The appellant's attorney submitted a rebuttal brief.

Conclusion of Law

The appellant contends the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed valuation. When market value is the basis of the appeal the value of the property must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of market value may consist of an appraisal of the subject property, a recent sale, comparable sales or construction costs. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(c). The Board finds the appellant did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value in the record to be the four comparable sales submitted by the board of

review. These comparables were generally similar to the subject in location, design, construction, age and/or foundation. These properties also sold proximate in time to the assessment date at issue. The comparables sold from May to December 2008 for prices ranging from \$153,000 to \$220,000 or from \$83.56 to \$98.96 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$196,090 or \$86.69 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. The Board gave no weight to the subject's sale. The appellant did not complete section IV of the residential appeal form and did not demonstrate that the subject's sale met the key elements of an arm's length transaction. Based on this record the Board finds the subject's assessment is reflective of market value and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not justified.

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



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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: May 21, 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.