



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

APPELLANT: Steven & Natalie Bauer
DOCKET NO.: 10-03475.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 08-11-301-026

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Steven & Natalie Bauer, the appellants, by attorney Steven C. Bauer of Ungaretti & Harris LLP, in Chicago; and the DuPage 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 DuPage County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$47,530
IMPR: \$186,760
TOTAL: \$234,290

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property is improved with a two-story frame dwelling containing 3,940 square feet of living area. The home was built in 2009. Features include a full unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a four-car garage. The subject is located in Lisle Township, DuPage County, Illinois.

The appellants' submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming the subject property was inequitably assessed. The subject's land assessment was not contested. In support of this claim, the appellants submitted an equity analysis detailing four suggested comparables. The comparables had varying degrees of similarity when compared to the subject. The comparables had improvement assessments ranging from \$186,760 to \$204,560 or from \$46.19 to \$50.94 per square foot of living area. One comparable did not have an improvement assessment disclosed. The appellants also submitted the DuPage County Board of Review's final decision regarding the subject property. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$261,600 or \$54.33 per square foot of

living area. Based on this evidence, the appellants requested a reduction in the subject's assessed valuation.

The board of review did not timely submit its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" or any evidence in support of its assessed valuation of the subject property as required by section 1910.40(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. (86 Ill.Admin.Code 1910.40(a)). By letter dated September 14, 2012, the DuPage County Board of Review was found to be in default pursuant to section 1910.69(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. (86 Ill.Admin.Code 1910.69(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 Board further finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The appellants argued the subject property was not uniformly assessed. The Illinois Supreme Court has held that taxpayers who object to an assessment on the basis of lack of uniformity bear the burden of proving the disparity of assessment valuations by clear and convincing evidence. Kankakee County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 131 Ill.2d 1 (1989). The evidence must demonstrate a consistent pattern of assessment inequities within the assessment jurisdiction. After an analysis of the assessment data, the Board finds that the appellants have overcome this burden.

The appellants in this appeal submitted documentation to demonstrate the subject property was inequitably assessed. The board of review did not timely submit evidence in support of the assessment of the subject property or to refute the appellants' argument as required by section 1910.40(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board and was found to be in default pursuant to section 1910.69(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. (86 Ill.Admin.Code 1910.40(a) & 1910.69(a)). The Board has examined the information submitted by the appellants and finds that it supports a reduction in the assessed valuation of the 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: January 31, 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.