



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

APPELLANT: Michael Berry & Veronica Marmora  
DOCKET NO.: 10-21552.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 01-26-300-014-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Michael Berry and Veronica Marmora, the appellants; 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:** \$ 7,975  
**IMPR:** \$ 41,195  
**TOTAL:** \$ 49,170

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**ANALYSIS**

The subject property consists of a 45,572 square foot parcel of land improved with a 34-year old, two-story, frame and masonry, single-family dwelling. The improvement contains 2,930 square feet of living area as well as three full and one half-baths, a partial basement, one fireplace and a three-car garage.

The appellant argued that the subject's market value is not accurately reflected in its assessment as the basis of this appeal.

As to the overvaluation argument, the appellants submitted data that the subject sold on September 16, 2010 for a price of \$550,000 and was occupied on that date. The appellants' pleadings stated that the sale was not a transfer between related parties; was advertised on the open market; the parties were represented in the sale transaction by real estate brokers; and that the seller's mortgage was not assumed. In support of these assertions, the appellants submitted copies of the settlement statement and bill of sale. Based upon this analysis, the appellants requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted "Board of Review-Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's total assessment was \$59,250. This assessment reflected a total market value of \$662,752 based upon the application of the Illinois Department of Revenue's three-year median level of assessment for tax year 2010 of 8.94% for class 2 property, as is the subject.

In addition, the board of review submitted descriptive and assessment data relating to four suggested comparables located within a two-mile radius of the subject. They are improved with a two-story, frame and masonry, single-family dwelling with varying amenities. They range: in age from 26 to 37 years; in improvement size from 2,481 to 2,943 square feet of living area; and in improvement assessments from \$17.51 to \$18.75 per square foot.

Moreover, the board's analysis indicated that property #1 sold in July, 2008, for a price of \$699,000. No further documentation was submitted. As a result of its analysis, the board requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

After considering the argument as well as reviewing the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal.

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 (3<sup>rd</sup> Dist, 2002); Winnebago County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 313 Ill.App.3d 179 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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.Adm.Code 1910.65(c)). Having considered the evidence presented, the Board finds that the appellants have met this burden and that a reduction is warranted.

The Board finds that the best evidence of the subject's market value is the recent sales data submitted by the appellants. The appellants' evidence reflects that the subject was purchased in September, 2010 for a market value of \$550,000.

Since the market value of the subject has been established, the Illinois Department of Revenue three-year median level of assessment for tax year 2010 regarding class 2, residential property of 8.94% shall apply. In applying this level of assessment to the subject, the total assessed value is \$49,170, while the subject's current total assessed value is above this amount at \$59,250. 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: April 19, 2013



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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.