



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

APPELLANT: Brent Halstead  
DOCKET NO.: 10-22396.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 01-02-408-003-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Brent Halstead, the appellant, by attorney Christopher G. Walsh, Jr. 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:** \$9,013  
**IMPR.:** \$48,351  
**TOTAL:** \$57,364

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**ANALYSIS**

The subject property is improved with a two-story dwelling of frame and masonry construction containing 2,897 square feet of living area. The dwelling was 46 years old. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 2.5-car garage. The property has an 18,975 square foot site and is located in Barrington, Barrington Township, Cook County.

The appellant's appeal is based on assessment equity. The appellant submitted information on four comparable properties described as two-story dwellings of frame or frame and masonry construction that ranged in size from 2,812 to 3,216 square feet of living area. The dwellings ranged in age from 29 to 52 years old. Each comparable has the same neighborhood code as the subject property. Features of the comparables include a partial or full basement, central air conditioning, one or three fireplaces and a two-car attached garage. All four of the comparables have recreation room finish in the basement. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$37,660 to

\$45,647 or from \$11.71 to \$15.88 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment is \$48,351 or \$16.69 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment to \$42,238 or \$14.58 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's final assessment was disclosed. In support of the subject's assessment the board of review presented descriptions and assessment information on three comparable properties improved with two-story dwellings of frame and masonry construction that range in size from 2,479 to 2,655 square feet of living area. The dwellings ranged in age from 35 to 40 years old. Each has the same neighborhood code as the subject property and one comparable is located on the subject's street in the same block as the subject property. Features of the comparables include a partial or full basement, one or two fireplaces and 2 or 2.5-car garages. Two of the comparables have central air conditioning and one comparable has a finished recreation room in the basement. These properties have improvement assessments ranging from \$44,963 to \$51,841 or from \$18.14 to \$19.61 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

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 not warranted.

The appellant contends unequal treatment in the subject's improvement assessment as the basis of the appeal. Taxpayers who object to an assessment on the basis of lack of uniformity bear the burden of proving the disparity of assessments by clear and convincing evidence. Kankakee County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 131 Ill.2d 1 (1989); 86 Ill.Admin.Code 1910.63(e). The evidence must demonstrate a consistent pattern of assessment inequities within the assessment jurisdiction. After an analysis of the assessment data, the Board finds the appellant has not met this burden.

The Board finds the board of review comparables are the most similar to the subject in location, size, exterior construction, features and age. Due to their similarities to the subject, these comparables received the most weight in the Board's analysis. Appellant's comparables were also relatively similar

to the subject with only minor adjustments necessary in comparison to the subject. The comparables submitted into the record had improvement assessments that ranged from \$11.71 to \$19.61 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$16.69 per square foot of living area is within the range established by the best comparables in this record. After considering adjustments and the differences in both parties' comparables when compared to the subject, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds the subject's improvement is equitable and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not 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.

*Ronald R. Cuit*

Chairman

*K. L. Fern*

Member

Member

*Mario Morris*

Member

*J. R.*

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: April 18, 2014

*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.