



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

APPELLANT: Patrick O'Mara
DOCKET NO.: 11-00214.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 04-12-03-431-014

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Patrick O'Mara, the appellant; and the Macon 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 **Macon** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$ 1,851
IMPR.: \$ 9,940
TOTAL: \$11,791

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed this appeal from a decision of the Macon County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2011 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 brick and frame dwelling containing 1,783 square feet of living area that was built in 1935. Features include a full unfinished basement, central air conditioning and a 528 square foot garage. The subject dwelling is situated on an 8,425 square foot lot.

The subject property is located in Decatur Township, Macon County, Illinois.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted four suggested comparable sales with varying degrees of similarity when compared to the subject. The comparables sold from February 2006 to September 2011 for prices ranging from \$26,000 to \$30,000 or from \$16.04 to \$21.09 per square foot of living area including land.

The appellant further submitted the final decision issued by the Macon County Board of Review disclosing the subject's final assessment of \$18,333. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$55,220 or \$30.97 per square foot of living area including land when applying Macon County's 2011 three-year median level of assessment of 33.20%. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review did not submit its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" or any evidence in support of its assessment 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)). Therefore, the 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)).

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); Winnebago County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 313 Ill.App.3d 179, 183, 728 N.E.2d 1256 (2nd Dist. 2000). 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 meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value is comparables 1 through 3 submitted by the appellant. These comparables had varying degrees of similarity when compared to the subject and sold most proximate to the subject's January 1, 2011 assessment date for prices ranging from \$26,000 to \$30,000 or from \$16.04

to \$19.84 per square foot of living area including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$55,220 or \$30.97 per square foot of living area including land, which falls above the range established by the best comparable sales contained in this record. Based on this evidence, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is 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.

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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: May 21, 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.