



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

APPELLANT: Jeffrey Blockson
DOCKET NO.: 11-21647.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 28-33-216-011-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jeffrey Blockson, the appellant(s); 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: \$7,440
IMPR.: \$7,873
TOTAL: \$15,313**

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property consists of a 20,885 square foot parcel of land improved with a 10-year old, two-story, frame, single-family dwelling. The appellant argues that the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in the property's assessed valuation as the basis of this appeal.

In support of this overvaluation argument the appellant submitted copies of the settlement statement and portions of the loan application indicating the subject was purchased by the appellant on August 30, 2011 for \$105,000. The petition indicates the subject was listed on the open market through a realtor, was not a transfer between related parties, that no mortgage was assumed, and that the sale was in settlement of a foreclosure.

In addition, the appellant submitted a residential appraisal summary report of the subject property with an effective date of April 11, 2011. The appraiser estimated a market value for the subject of \$106,000 based upon the sales comparison and cost approaches to value.

Finally, the appellant submitted data and sales information on four properties that sold from July 2012 to January 2013 for prices ranging from \$50,000 to \$145,000. Based on this evidence the appellant requests 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 \$23,386. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$246,428 using the Illinois Department of Revenue's three-year median level of assessment for class 2, residential property of 9.49% for tax year 2011.

In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review submitted descriptions and assessment and sales information on four properties suggested as comparable. The properties are described as two-story, frame or frame and masonry, single-family dwellings. The comparables have varying amenities. They range: in age from 7 to 10 years; in size from 2,354 to 3, square feet of living area; and in improvement assessments from \$6.28 to \$7.40 per square foot of living area. They sold from January 2009 to January 2011 for prices ranging from \$102,000 to \$233,000 or from \$40.91 to \$96.56 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.

When overvaluation is claimed the appellant has the burden of proving the value of the property by a preponderance of the evidence. National City Bank of Michigan/Illinois v. Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board, 331Ill.App.3d 1038 (3rd Dist. 2002); Winnebago County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 313 Ill.App.3d 179 (2nd 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.Admin.Code 1910.65(c). Having considered the evidence

presented, the PTAB concludes that the evidence indicates a reduction is warranted.

The Board finds the best evidence of the subject's market value is the sale of the subject in August 2011 and the appraisal and that a reduction to the value requested by the appellant 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.



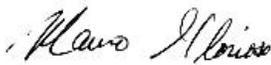
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DISSENTING:

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: June 20, 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.