



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

APPELLANT: Brenda Meza
DOCKET NO.: 11-22919.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 18-04-221-029-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Brenda Meza, 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: \$2,778
IMPR.: \$19,144
TOTAL: \$21,922

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property consists of a parcel of land with a 18-year-old, two-story, frame and masonry, single-family dwelling. The appellant argued that the fair market value of the subject was not accurately reflected in its assessed value.

In support of the market value argument, the appellant submitted an appraisal undertaken by Tom O'Malley. The report states that O'Malley is a State of Illinois certified residential real estate appraiser. The appraiser stated that the subject has an estimated market value of \$231,000 as of January 6, 2010. The appraisal report utilized the sales comparison and cost approaches to value to estimate the market value for the subject property. The appraisal states that O'Malley personally inspected the property, and that the subject's highest and best use as improved is its present use.

In addition, the appellant listed information on a grid for three comparables. These three properties are included in the appraisal, but the appellant submitted subsequent sales data on two of them. They sold in June and August 2011 for \$170,000 and

\$205,000, respectively. The three properties have improvement assessments from \$7.06 to \$17.45 per square foot of living area; however, comparable #1, assessed at \$7.06 per square foot is pro-rated with another parcel and information on this second parcel was not provided. Based on this evidence, the appellant requests a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's final assessment of \$37,795 was disclosed. The subject's final assessment reflects a fair market value of \$398,261 when the 2011 Illinois Department of Revenue three-year median level of assessment for Class 2 properties of 9.49% is applied.

In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review presented descriptions and assessment information three suggested comparables. The properties are described as two-story, frame or stucco, single-family dwellings with various amenities. They have improvement assessments from \$25.08 to \$25.55 per square foot of living area and the subject is assessed at \$15.32 per square foot of living area. They sold from July to October 2010 for prices ranging from \$740,000 to \$920,000 or from \$224.99 to \$314.04 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, 331 Ill.App.3d 1038 (3d Dist. 2002); Winnebago County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 313 Ill.App.3d 179 (2d 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 Board concludes that the evidence indicates a reduction is warranted.

In determining the fair market value of the subject property, the Board finds the best evidence to be the appellant's appraisal. The appellant's appraiser utilized the sales comparison and cost approaches to value in determining the subject's market value. The Board finds this appraisal to be persuasive because the appraiser personally inspected the subject property and reviewed the property's history, and used similar properties in the sales comparison approach while providing adjustments that were necessary.

Therefore, the Board finds the subject had a market value of \$231,000 for the 2011 assessment year. Since the market value of this parcel has been established, the 2011 Illinois Department of Revenue three-year median level of assessment for Class 2 property of 9.49% will apply and a reduction is warranted.

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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.



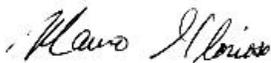
Chairman



Member



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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: July 18, 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.