



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

APPELLANT: Paul Pals
DOCKET NO.: 12-00410.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 23-15-12-301-023-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Paul Pals, the appellant, by attorney Russell T. Paarlberg of Lanting, Paarlberg & Associates, Ltd., in Schererville, Indiana, and the Will 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 Will County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$23,480
IMPR: \$93,734
TOTAL: \$117,214

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property is improved with a single-family residence. The home contains 3,957 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2000. Features of the home include a full walkout-style unfinished basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and an attached three-car garage. The property has a 1.386-acre site and is located in Crete, Crete Township, Will County.

The subject property is an owner occupied residence that was the subject matter of an appeal before the Property Tax Appeal Board the prior year under Docket Number 11-00639.001-R-1. In that appeal the Property Tax Appeal Board rendered a decision lowering the assessment of the subject property to \$129,519 based on the evidence submitted by the parties. The Property

Tax Appeal Board takes notice that 2011 and 2012 were within the same general assessment period for residential property in Will County. (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.90(i); see also 35 ILCS 200/9-215) The appellant also submitted an appraisal of the subject property to demonstrate the subject was being overvalued.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the final assessment of the subject property totaling \$169,231 was disclosed. The board of review submitted a memorandum from the Crete Township Assessor who addressed comparables #4 and #5 from the appellant's appraisal report with data concerning the July 2010 sale for \$476,500 and the September 2007 sale for \$559,900, respectively.

Also attached was a second memorandum from the township assessor noting that based upon a 2011 appeal before the Property Tax Appeal Board, "the average sale price per square foot was \$141.35 and the average market assessed value was \$142.19." Since the subject was lower, "an assessment increase was needed." Since the assessment was not increased in the 2011 hearing, "I have added the new assessed value to the 2012 year." The appellant thereafter raised a concern with the township assessor that the subject was the only home that was increased that had appealed for 2011. As a result, Mary Tamez, the Deputy Assessor, provided a list to the appellant of six other properties that appealed for 2011, had 2012 assessor changes and then had the 2012 multiplier applied of .905.

Based on the foregoing data, the assessor concluded that the subject "is assessed lower than the comparable properties that were used in the appraisal." 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. Pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185), the Board finds the prior year's decision should be carried forward to the subsequent year subject only to equalization.

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) provides in part:

If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel on which a residence occupied by the owner is situated, such reduced assessment, subject to equalization,

shall remain in effect for the remainder of the general assessment period as provided in Sections 9-215 through 9-225, unless that parcel is subsequently sold in an arm's length transaction establishing a fair cash value for the parcel that is different from the fair cash value on which the Board's assessment is based, or unless the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board is reversed or modified upon review.

The record disclosed the Property Tax Appeal Board issued a decision reducing the subject's 2011 assessment. The record further indicates that the subject property is an owner occupied dwelling. Furthermore, the Board takes notice that 2011 and 2012 are within the same general assessment period. The record contains no evidence indicating the subject property sold in an arm's length transaction since 2011 or that the assessment year in question is in a different general assessment period. For these reasons the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted to reflect the Board's prior year's decision plus the application of an equalization factor of .905.

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

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.