



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

APPELLANT: Amy Williams
DOCKET NO.: 12-20296.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-06-107-060-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Amy Williams, the appellant; 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: \$ 2,278
IMPR.: \$ 9,931
TOTAL: \$ 12,209

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Cook County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2012 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 townhome with 1,004 square feet of living area of masonry construction. The dwelling is 59 years old. Features of the home include a partial basement. The property has a 2,278 square foot site and is located in Oak Park Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-95 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information

on three comparable sales. Two sales were foreclosures and one was a short sale.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$18,948. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$195,542 or \$194.76 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the 2012 three year average median level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 9.69% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables. The board of review also included limited information on five sales that occurred in 2005. The board of review also submitted evidence that the subject sold in 2006 for \$231,500.

In rebuttal, the appellant described why the board of review's comparables should not be considered and that the board of review failed to properly address her market value argument. Further, the appellant stated that her comparable sales are from 2012, which is the same year of this appeal. The appellant's limited sales information from 2005 should be disregarded. The appellant also argued that short sales reflect the fair market value of the subject.

At hearing the board of review representative argued that the appellant's sales comparables were non arm's length transactions.

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). 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 to be appellant's comparables. However, as the appellant's comparables were all short sales or foreclosures, the Board finds that an adjustment for conditions of sale is necessary. Therefore, after making adjustments for the similarities and differences between the subject and comparables, the Board finds that the subject's current market value is greater than the range established by the best comparable sales 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.

Ronald R. Cuit

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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: December 19, 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.