



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

APPELLANT: Tom Fotsis  
DOCKET NO.: 12-23264.001-C-1 through 12-23264.002-C-1  
PARCEL NO.: See Below

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Tom Fotsis, the appellant, by attorney George N. Reveliotis of Reveliotis Law, P.C. in Chicago; 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:

<b>DOCKET NO</b>	<b>PARCEL NUMBER</b>	<b>LAND</b>	<b>IMPRVMT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
12-23264.001-C-1	23-36-303-165-0000	85,857	48,006	\$133,863
12-23264.002-C-1	23-36-303-168-0000	631	6,756	\$7,387

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 is improved with a one-story commercial building of masonry construction with 8,104 square feet of building area. The building was constructed in 1980. Features of the building include a concrete slab foundation, 9 to 15 feet clear ceiling heights, four restrooms, ground mounted air conditioning compressors, gas forced air furnaces and 100% wet

sprinkler coverage. The building is utilized for a restaurant and banquet hall. The property has a 62,377 square foot site and is located on a golf course. The property is located in Palos Heights, Palos Township, Cook County. The property is classified as a class 5-17 one story commercial building 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 an appraisal estimating the subject property had a market value of \$565,000 as of January 1, 2011. The appraisal was prepared by Shawn Schneider, Certified General Real Estate Appraiser, and Susan Z. Ulman, Certified General Real Estate Appraiser, of Zimmerman Real Estate Group, Ltd. The appraisers developed the sales comparison approach to value.

The appellant submitted a copy of the final decision issued by the Cook County Board of Review disclosing a total assessment for the subject of \$252,122. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$1,008,488 when using the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance level of assessments for class 5-17 property of 25%. The appellant requested the subject's total assessment be reduced to reflect the appraised value.

The board of review did not submit its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" or any evidence in support of its assessed valuation of the subject property.

#### **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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The Board finds the only evidence of market value in this record to be the appraisal submitted by the appellant estimating the subject property had a market value of \$565,000 as of January 1, 2011. The subject's assessment reflects a market value above the appraised value presented by the appellant. The board of

review did not submit any evidence in support of its assessment of the subject property or to refute the appellant's argument as required by section 1910.40(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board and is found to be in default pursuant to section 1910.69(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.40(a) & §1910.69(a). Based on this record the Property Tax Appeal 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.

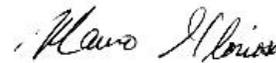
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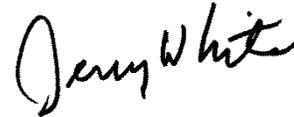
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DISSENTING: \_\_\_\_\_

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 26, 2015



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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.