



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

APPELLANT: Melissa Hjalmarson
DOCKET NO.: 12-34226.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-17-107-025-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Melissa Hjalmarson, 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: \$2,790
IMPR.: \$14,168
TOTAL: \$16,958**

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 3,720 square foot parcel of land improved with a 90-year old, two-story, masonry, multi-family dwelling containing 2,432 square feet of building area. The property is located in Oak Park Township, Cook County. The

subject is classified as a class 2-11 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant's appeal is based on overvaluation. In support of this argument the appellant submitted evidence disclosing the subject property was purchased in September 2011 for a price of \$175,000. The appellant also submitted a letter disclosing that the prior year's decision by the Property Tax Appeal Board rendered a reduction in the assessment based on this sale price and asks that this decision be rolled over for the 2012 appeal. The appellant included a copy of the 2011 decision.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$26,332. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$271,744 using the Illinois Department of Revenue's 2012 three-year median level of assessment for class 2 property of 9.69%.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted evidence on four equity comparables and listed the sale of the subject in September 2011.

In addition, the board of review submitted a brief asserting that the subject property is not owner-occupied and, therefore, the assessment reduction rendered in 2011 should not automatically roll forward to the 2012 assessment year. The board of review included a copy of a property characteristic printout for a property that is receiving a homeowner's exemption and the taxpayer of record is the appellant.

In rebuttal, the appellant submitted a letter asserting that the subject's market value has been determined by the sale of the subject and the assessment should be based on this market value.

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 best evidence of market value to be the purchase of the subject property in September 2011 for a price of \$175,000. The appellant provided evidence demonstrating the sale was not between related parties and the board of review did not refute the arm's length nature of the sale. Based on this record the Board finds the subject property had a market value of \$175,000 as of January 1, 2012. Therefore, the Board finds the subject overvalued and a reduction to that 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.

Chairman



Member



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Member



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: April 24, 2015



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.