



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

APPELLANT: Philip Varghese
DOCKET NO.: 13-03625.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 05-33-404-005

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Philip Varghese, the appellant, by attorney William I. Sandrick of the Sandrick Law Firm LLC, in South Holland, and the DuPage 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 DuPage County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND: \$71,910
IMPR: \$95,850
TOTAL: \$167,760**

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Findings of Fact

The subject property consists of a two-story dwelling of brick exterior construction with approximately 4,450 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1987. Features of the home include a full basement with finished area,¹ central air conditioning, a fireplace and a two-car garage. The property has a 20,832 square foot site and is located in Wheaton, Milton Township, DuPage 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 12-03404.001-R-1. In that

¹ The appellant's appraiser reported the basement was 50% finished whereas the assessing officials report the basement was 100% finished. The appraisal report includes photographs which do not reflect a fully finished basement.

appeal the Property Tax Appeal Board rendered a decision lowering the assessment of the subject property to \$174,930 based on the evidence submitted by the parties. The appellant submitted the same appraisal report of the subject property for this 2013 appeal to demonstrate the subject was overvalued. The appraisal report asserts that the appellant is the owner of record and the occupant of the subject dwelling.

The Board takes notice that 2012 and 2013 are in the same general assessment period in DuPage County. (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.90(i) and 35 ILCS 200/9-215).

Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$255,670. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$767,317 or \$172.43 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2013 three year average median level of assessment for DuPage County of 33.32% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue. As part of the board of review's submission, it was reported that properties in Milton Township had an equalization factor of .95900 applied in 2013.

The board of review's submission included a property record card for the subject property indicating the owner of the dwelling includes the named appellant in this appeal.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales, two of which sold in September 2010. Based on this evidence and argument, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

Conclusion of Law

The subject property was the subject matter of an appeal before the Property Tax Appeal Board the prior year under Docket Number 12-03404.001-R-1. In that appeal the Property Tax Appeal Board rendered a decision lowering the assessment of the subject property to \$174,930 based on the evidence submitted by the parties.

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 Board further finds that the prior year's decision should be carried forward to the subsequent year subject only to any equalization factor applied to that year's assessments. This finding is pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) and the fact that 2012 and 2013 are within the same general assessment period in DuPage County. The record contains no evidence indicating 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 finding plus the application of the equalization factor of 0.95900.

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.