



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

APPELLANT: K. Mathew Sadhu
DOCKET NO.: 14-34928.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 31-03-201-045-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are K. Mathew Sadhu, the appellant, by Jessica Hill-Magiera, Attorney at Law in Lake Zurich; and the Cook County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented in this matter, 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: \$950
IMPR.: \$2,090
TOTAL: \$3,040

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) challenging the assessment for the 2014 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 two-story townhome of frame construction with 1,216 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 42 years old and has a full unfinished basement.¹ The property has a 1,408 square foot site and is located in County Club Hills, Rich 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 seven comparable sales that were located from .00 to .16 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables were located within the subject's neighborhood code. The comparables were improved with two-story townhomes that ranged in size from 1,248

¹ The parties differ slightly as to the age of the subject dwelling. The Board finds the slight discrepancy will not impact the Board's decision in this appeal.

to 1,320 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in 1973 or 1974 and have full basements with one comparable having finished area. Other features had varying degrees of similarity when compared to the subject property. The comparables had sale dates ranging from March 2013 to October 2014 for prices ranging from \$18,300 to \$32,000 or from \$14.20 to \$25.64 per square foot of living area, including land.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$7,361. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$73,610 or \$60.53 per square foot of living area, land included, when applying the level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 10%.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparable properties to demonstrate that the subject was being equitably assessed. The comparables were located within the same neighborhood code and block as the subject property. The comparables were improved with two-story townhomes that contained either 1,183 or 1,216 square feet of living area. The comparables have full basements with one comparable having finished area. Other features had varying degrees of similarity when compared to the subject property.

The appellant submitted a rebuttal critiquing the board of review's submission.

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 appellant's comparable sales #1, #2, #6, and #7. These comparables were most similar to the subject in location, design, age, dwelling size, foundation, and most features. These comparables sold proximate in time to the January 1, 2014 assessment date at issue. These comparables sold from March 2013 to October 2014 for prices ranging from \$19,300 to \$32,000 or from \$15.46 to \$25.64 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$73,610 or \$60.53 per square foot of living area, including land, which is above the range established by the appellant's best comparable sales in this record. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's remaining comparables due to their larger dwelling sizes or finished basement when compared to the subject property. The Board gave less weight to the board of review's equity grid analysis as this evidence is not responsive to the overvaluation argument brought by the appellant.

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. Pursuant to Section 1910.50(d) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(d)) the proceeding before the Property Tax Appeal Board is terminated when the decision is rendered. The Property Tax Appeal Board does not require any motion or request for reconsideration.



Chairman



Member



Member



Member



Member

DISSENTING: _____

CERTIFICATION

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 18, 2018



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 or years of the same general assessment period, as provided in Sections 9-125 through 9-225, 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 such subsequent year or years 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 OR YEARS. A separate petition and evidence must be filed for each of the remaining years of the general assessment period.

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.

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