

# FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Robert & Anne Van Oost

DOCKET NO.: 15-01248.001-R-1 PARCEL NO.: 05-24-452-005

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Robert & Anne Van Oost, the appellants, and the Kane County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented in this matter, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds *No Change* in the assessment of the property as established by the **Kane** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$14,747 **IMPR.:** \$79,346 **TOTAL:** \$94,093

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

### **Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellants timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Kane County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2015 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 dwelling of frame construction with 3,590 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2006. Features of the home include a basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 648 square foot garage. The property is located in Elgin, Plato Township, Kane County.

The appellants contend assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal concerning the subject's improvement assessment; no dispute was raised concerning the land assessment. In support of this inequity argument, the appellants submitted information on three equity comparables located in close proximity to the subject. The appellants contend these comparables are similar in dwelling size and characteristics to the subject.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The appellants also marked "comparable sales" as a basis of this appeal, but only provided two recent sales. A minimum of three comparable sales is required for an overvaluation argument. (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(c)(4))

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Based on this evidence, the appellants requested a reduced improvement assessment of \$69,887 or \$19.47 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$94,093. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$79,346 or \$22.10 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review through the township assessor submitted information on 11 equity comparables numbered 4 through 14. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

## **Conclusion of Law**

The taxpayers contend assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. When unequal treatment in the assessment process is the basis of the appeal, the inequity of the assessments must be proved by clear and convincing evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of unequal treatment in the assessment process should consist of documentation of the assessments for the assessment year in question of not less than three comparable properties showing the similarity, proximity and lack of distinguishing characteristics of the assessment comparables to the subject property. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(b). The Board finds the appellants did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted a total of 14 comparables with varying degrees of similarity to the subject dwelling. Each comparable was similar in location, story height, age, dwelling size, foundation and most comparables had features similar to the subject such as air conditioning, a fireplace and a garage.

The Board finds these 14 comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$19.47 to \$27.81 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$22.10 per square foot of living area falls within the range and at the low-end of the range established by the comparables in this record. After considering adjustments and the differences in both parties' suggested comparables when compared to the subject property, the Board finds the subject's improvement assessment is supported by the most comparable properties contained in the record. The Board finds the appellants did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not justified.

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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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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 23, 2017	
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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

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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 <u>PETITION AND EVIDENCE</u> 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.