



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

APPELLANT: 257 Investments, Inc.
DOCKET NO.: 16-00869.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 11-04-04-109-007-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are 257 Investments, Inc., the appellant, by attorney Michael R. Davies, of Ryan Law LLP in Chicago; and the Will 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 Will County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$16,004
IMPR.: \$27,886
TOTAL: \$43,890

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Will County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2016 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 one-story single-family dwelling of frame exterior construction with 1,200 square feet of living area.¹ The dwelling was constructed in 1967 and has a crawl space. The property has a garage containing 528 square feet of building area. The property has a 7,014-square foot site and is located in Romeoville, Lockport Township, Will County.

The appellant submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on

¹ The parties differ as to the subject's dwelling size. The Board finds that the best evidence of dwelling size is from the property record card submitted by the board of review.

four comparable sales located within one mile from the subject property, however comparable #1 is the subject property. The comparables were either built on a slab foundation or have a crawl space.² The comparables are described as one-story single-family dwellings of frame exterior construction containing 900 or 912 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 1967 or 1969. One comparable has two garages containing 260 and 528 square feet of building area. The other two comparables have a garage containing 300 or 676 square feet of building area. The properties have sites ranging in size from 6,247 to 6,861 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from January 2016 to May 2016 for prices ranging from \$93,000 to \$148,500 or from \$103.33 to \$162.83 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's total assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$43,890. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$131,960 or \$109.97 per square foot of living area including land when applying the 2016 three-year average median level of assessment for Will County of 33.26% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review submitted corrected and completed information on the appellant's three comparables in addition to the property record cards and PTAX-203 Illinois Real Estate Transfer Declaration forms for these three comparables. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested that the subject property's assessment be confirmed.

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 did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The Board finds the parties submitted for the Board's consideration the three suggested sale comparables with some degrees of similarity to the subject property. Although the comparables are slightly smaller than the subject, they are similar to the subject in location, site size, age, design and features. These comparables sold from January 2016 to May 2016 for prices ranging from \$93,000 to \$148,500 or from \$103.33 to \$162.83 per square foot of living area including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$131,960 or \$109.97 per square foot of living area including land, which falls within the range established by the most similar comparable sales in this record. After considering adjustments to the comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds that the appellant did not demonstrate by a preponderance of the evidence that the subject was overvalued. Therefore, the Board finds that the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is supported. Based on this record, the Board finds that no reduction in the subject's assessment is justified.

² Appellant's grid analysis was devoid of some pertinent descriptive data which was drawn from the evidence provided by the board of review.

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: July 16, 2019



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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