



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

APPELLANT: AMH 2015-1 Borrower LLC  
DOCKET NO.: 16-00998.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 05-06-12-313-010-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are AMH 2015-1 Borrower LLC, 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:** \$12,550  
**IMPR.:** \$42,150  
**TOTAL:** \$54,700

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 split-level and part one-story dwelling of frame exterior construction with 1,744 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1995. Features of the home include a lower level with finished area, central air conditioning and a 576 square foot garage. The property has an 8,698 square foot site and is located in Joliet, Troy Township, Will County.

The appellant's appeal is based on overvaluation. In support of this argument the appellant disclosed in Section IV – Recent Sale Data of the appeal that the subject property was purchased from "Will County Sheriff" in December 2013 for a price of \$144,501. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to reflect the purchase price.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$54,700. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$164,462 or \$94.30 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2016 three year average median level of assessment for Will County of 33.26% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue. The subject has an improvement assessment of \$42,150 or \$24.17 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three comparable sales that are located within two blocks of the subject property. The comparables are improved with split-level and part one-story frame dwellings that were built between 1992 and 2002. The homes contain either 1,744 or 1,820 square feet of living area and feature partially finished lower levels, central air conditioning and a garage of either 528 or 576 square feet of building area. Two of the comparables each have a fireplace. The sales occurred from February 2014 to May 2016 for prices ranging from \$165,400 to \$185,900 or from \$90.88 to \$106.59 per square foot of living area, including land. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$40,600 to \$44,350 or from \$23.28 to \$24.86 per square foot of living area.

Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's total assessment be increased as reported by the township assessor to a market value of \$170,517 which would raise the total assessment to approximately \$56,833 for an improvement assessment of \$44,283 or \$25.39 per square foot of living area.

### **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 best evidence of market value in the record to be the comparable sales submitted by the board of review. These comparables were similar to the subject in location, style, construction, features and age. These properties also sold proximate in time to the assessment date at issue. The comparables sold for prices ranging from \$165,400 to \$185,900 or from \$90.88 to \$106.59 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$164,462 or \$94.30 per square foot of living area, including land, which is below the range established by the board of review comparable sales in terms of overall value and within the range on a per-square-foot basis.

The Board gave little weight to the subject's sale due to the fact the sale did not occur proximate in time to the assessment date at issue. Furthermore, the appellant failed to fully complete Section IV – Recent Sale Data of the appeal and provide evidence demonstrating the purchase had the elements of an arm's-length transaction particularly where the seller was "Will County Sheriff" which suggests that there may have been duress involved in the transaction. Based on

this record, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment based on overvaluation is not justified.

The Board denies the board of review request to increase the subject's assessment as the evidence disclosed there exists a practical uniformity of assessments between the comparable sales presented by the board of review and the subject property. (See Apex Motor Fuel Co. v. Barrett, 20 Ill.2d 395 (1960)). Increasing the subject's assessment as requested by the board of review would result in an inequitable assessment of the subject property in relation to the comparable sales provided by the board of review which were found to be the best evidence of market value in the record.

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.

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Chairman



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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: September 17, 2019



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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 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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