



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

APPELLANT: AMH 20142 Borrower LLC
DOCKET NO.: 16-02874.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 07-02-302-042

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are AMH 20142 Borrower LLC, the appellant, by attorney Michael R. Davies, of the Law Offices of Michael R. Davies, Ltd. in Oak Lawn; and the Lake 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 **Lake** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$20,215
IMPR.: \$36,233
TOTAL: \$56,448

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Lake 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 dwelling of frame construction. The dwelling was constructed in 1997. Features of the home include a partial basement with finished area, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 420-square foot garage. The property has a 2,679 square-foot site and is located in Waukegan, Warren Township, Lake County.

The appellant submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of the overvaluation claim, the appellant submitted limited descriptive information for five comparable sales that were reported to be located from .01 to .49 of a mile from the subject.¹ However, comparable #1 was the subject property. The remaining four comparables were reported to consist of one-story or two-story dwellings, but the specific story height for each comparable was not disclosed. The dwellings were built from 1987 to

¹ The Board requested the appellant to complete the grid analysis in Section V of the appeal petition. The appellant failed to comply with the Board's request.
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1997. The comparables were reported to have three bedrooms and two bathrooms. The appellant failed to disclose the comparables' exterior construction, foundation type or features such as central air conditioning, fireplaces or garages. The dwellings were reported to range in size from 1,277 to 1,772 square feet of living area and have sites that range in size from 2,614 to 10,854 square feet of land area. The comparables sold in December 2012 or July 2014 for prices ranging from \$150,000 to \$168,000 or from \$89.16 to \$131.56 per square foot of living area including land. 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 \$56,448. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$170,229 or \$133.30 per square foot of living area including land when applying the 2016 three-year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.16%.

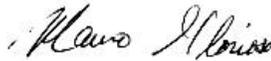
The board of review presented information on three comparable sales that were located on the same block as the subject property. The comparables have sites of either 2,679 or 2,961 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with one-story dwellings of frame construction. The dwellings were constructed in 1996 or 1997. The dwellings have either 1,319 or 1,391 square feet of living area. Each comparable has a partial basement with finished area, central air conditioning, and a 420 square-foot garage. Two comparables have a fireplace. The comparables sold in October 2014 or May 2016 for prices ranging from \$176,000 to \$205,000 or from \$129.40 to \$147.38. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

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 parties presented sale prices for seven comparable properties. The Board finds that five of the seven comparables submitted were located on the same block as the subject and most were very similar to the subject in age and living area. Nevertheless, the Board finds the appellant's comparables sold in December 2012 or July 2014 and were considered to be dated in relation to the January 1, 2016 assessment date. As a result, the Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparables. Board of review comparable #1 also received less weight due to its October 2014 sale date. The Board finds the best evidence of market value in the record to be board of review comparables #2 and #3. These properties sold in May 2016 which was more proximate to the January 1, 2016 assessment date and were very similar to the subject in nearly all characteristics. Board of review comparables #2 and #3 sold for prices of \$180,000 and \$176,000 or for \$129.40 and \$133.43 per square foot of living area, land included, respectively. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$170,229 or \$133.30 per square foot of living area, including land, which is supported by the best comparable sales in this record. Based on this record, the Board finds the appellant was not able to demonstrate that the subject was overvalued and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not 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: July 17, 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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