



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

APPELLANT: Mathew Oommen
DOCKET NO.: 16-03642.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 11-16-106-016

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Mathew Oommen, the appellant, by attorney Ronald Kingsley of Lake County Real Estate Tax Appeal, LLC in Lake Forest; 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: \$46,855
IMPR.: \$190,939
TOTAL: \$237,794

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 two-story dwelling of wood siding exterior construction with 2,999 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2005. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 410 square foot garage. The property has a 7,136 square foot site and is located in Libertyville, Libertyville Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on three comparable sales located between .32 and .75 of a mile of the subject property. The comparables were described as two-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,846 to 3,412 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 1950 to 2005. The comparables each have an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 458 to 678 square feet of building area. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 7,500 to

13,374 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from March 2015 to February 2016 for prices ranging from \$740,000 to \$849,000 or from \$234.47 to \$276.55 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 \$237,794. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$717,111 or \$239.12 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2016 three-year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.16% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on five comparable sales located between .26 and .71 of a mile of the subject property. The comparables were described as two-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,411 to 3,823 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 2012 to 2014. The comparables have an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 433 to 767 square feet of building area. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 2,879 to 9,590 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from March 2014 to May 2015 for prices ranging from \$675,000 to \$953,956 or from \$249.53 to \$284.51 per square foot of living area, including land. 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 no reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted eight suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparable #2 and the comparables submitted by the board of review due to differences in dwelling age when compared to the subject. Furthermore, board of review comparables #1 and #2 are dissimilar in dwelling size and comparables #4 and #5 sold in 2014 which are dated and less likely to reflect the subject's market value as of the January 1, 2016 assessment date.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be comparables #1 and #3 submitted by the appellant. These two comparables are most similar to the subject in location, dwelling size design, age and features. These comparables sold in March 2015 and February 2016 for prices of \$740,000 and \$800,000 or \$234.47 and \$260.01 per square foot living area including land. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$717,111 or \$239.12 per square foot of living area including land, which is supported by the best comparable sales in this record. After considering adjustments to the comparable sales for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the estimated market value as reflected by the assessment is supported and no reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

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



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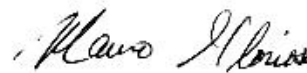
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DISSENTING: _____

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



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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