



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

APPELLANT: James & Georgia Verros  
DOCKET NO.: 16-05267.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 06-34-105-005

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are James & Georgia Verros, the appellants, by attorney Brian S. Maher, of Weis, DuBrock, Doody & Maher in Chicago; and the DuPage 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 **DuPage** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$147,260  
**IMPR.:** \$218,640  
**TOTAL:** \$365,900

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellants timely filed the appeal from a decision of the DuPage 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 part one-story and part-two-story dwelling of brick exterior construction with 3,706 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1985. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a three-car garage with 828 square feet of building area. The property has a 23,417-square foot site and is located in Oak Brook, York Township, DuPage County.

The appellants contend assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellants submitted information on three equity comparables described as being improved with one, part one-story and part two-story and two, two-story dwellings that range in size from 4,840 to 5,569 square feet of living area. The appellants indicate each comparable had a basement but provided no other descriptive data about the homes. These properties are located within .40 of a mile from the subject property and have improvement assessments that ranged

from \$258,110 to \$281,900 or from \$50.61 to \$53.54 per square foot of living area. The appellants requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$194,527.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$365,900. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$218,640 or \$59.00 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted a narrative from Ronald Pajda, Deputy Assessor, and information on three equity comparables.

The deputy assessor critiqued the appellants' submission and explained that the appellants filed an appeal in 2015. The Docket Number was 15-05433.001-R-1 and was dated May 19, 2017. The deputy assessor claims the appellants used the same comparables in the 2015 appeal that were submitted with the 2016 appeal.

In support of the assessment the board of review provided property record cards and three comparables identified by the township assessor's office, improved with part one-story and part two-story dwellings that ranged in size from 3,493 to 3,742 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed in 1985 and have the same neighborhood code as the subject property. Each comparable had an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, two to three fireplaces and three-car garages ranging in size from 714 to 875 square feet of building area. These properties have improvement assessments ranging from \$217,800 to \$231,580 or from \$61.89 to \$62.80 per square foot of living area. 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 Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be comparables submitted by the board of review. The Board finds the board of review's comparables are more similar when compared to the subject in location, age, dwelling size, design and/or other features. These comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$61.89 to \$62.80 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$59.00 per square foot of living area falls below the range established by the best comparables in this record. The Board gave less weight to the appellants' comparables due to their much larger dwelling size when compared to the subject property. Based on this 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.

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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