



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

APPELLANT: Steve Rowley  
DOCKET NO.: 16-20079.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 01-15-100-028-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Steve Rowley, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld and Associates, LLC in Chicago; and the Cook 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 **Cook** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$16,462  
**IMPR.:** \$71,542  
**TOTAL:** \$88,004

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Cook 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 1.5-story<sup>1</sup> dwelling of frame exterior construction with 4,408 square feet of living area. The dwelling is 46 years old. Features of the home include a partial basement that is finished, central air conditioning, two fireplaces, and a two-car attached garage. The property has a 219,502 square foot site and is located in Barrington Hills, Barrington Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-04 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. The subject's land assessment was not contested. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on three equity comparables located within the same neighborhood code as the subject property. One comparable is also located on the subject's street. The comparables are improved with

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<sup>1</sup> The appellant describes the subject as a "1.5-1.9 residence."

similar style dwellings of frame or masonry exterior construction that range in size from 4,407 to 4,573 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from 59 to 71 years old. One comparable has a slab foundation and two comparables have partial basements that are unfinished. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$57,031 to \$72,981 or from \$12.94 to \$16.20 per square foot of living area. The appellant's submission included a settlement statement of the subject's 2013 sale which indicated a purchase price of \$853,000.00.<sup>2</sup> Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the improvement assessment be reduced to \$66,252 or \$15.03 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$88,004. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$71,542 or \$16.23 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on three equity comparables located within the same neighborhood code and subdivision area as the subject. One comparable is also located on the subject's street. The comparables are improved with similar style dwellings of frame or masonry exterior construction that range in size from 3,744 to 4,641 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from 25 to 59 years old. The comparables have partial or full basements that are unfinished. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$64,288 to \$82,104 or from \$16.98 to \$18.60 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested that the assessment be confirmed.

### **Conclusion of Law**

The appellant contends 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 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 assessment equity to be appellant's comparable #3 as well as the board of review comparable #1. These two comparables are not only located on the subject's street, they are also similar to the subject in design, exterior construction, age, dwelling size, foundation and most features. These comparables have improvement assessments of \$70,828 and \$78,789 or \$16.20 and \$16.98 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$71,542 or \$16.23 per square foot of living area is supported by the two best comparables contained in this record. The board gave less weight to both parties' remaining comparables for differences in age, dwelling size and/or lack of basement when compared to the subject property. Based on this record, the Board finds the appellant 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.

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<sup>2</sup> The Board finds the 2013 sale of the subject property is not relevant to an assessment equity argument; and furthermore, the date of sale would be remote in time for an assessment as of January 1, 2016.

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



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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: March 19, 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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