



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

APPELLANT: Susan Messer & James Poznak
DOCKET NO.: 16-24687.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-08-109-002-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Susan Messer & James Poznak, the appellants, by attorney George N. Reveliotis, of Reveliotis Law, P.C. in Park Ridge; and the Cook County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented in this matter, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds A Reduction 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: \$ 4,368
IMPR.: \$29,962
TOTAL: \$34,330

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellants 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 92-year old, two-story, stucco, single-family dwelling with 2,161 square feet of living area. Features of the home include: a full basement and a two-car garage. The property has a 6,241 square foot site and is located in Oak Park Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-05, residential property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellants' petition contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellants submitted information on four comparable sales. They are improved with a frame or masonry, single-family dwelling. The improvements range in size from 1,610 to 2,030 square feet of living area and in assessment from \$15.47 to \$16.37 per square foot. They

sold from February, 2013 through May, 2016 for unadjusted prices that ranged from \$145.18 to \$158.87 per square foot of living area.

Further, the appellants submitted copies of the sales' deeds and/or website printouts from the Cook County Recorder of Deeds office relating to each sales' details. Based upon this evidence, the appellants 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 \$36,589. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$365,890 or \$169.32 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 10%. The subject's improvement assessment is \$14.91 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables, located within a two-block radius of the subject. They are improved with a two-story, single-family dwelling of stucco exterior construction. The improvement ranged in size from 1,830 to 2,161 square feet of living area and in assessment from \$14.93 to \$15.89 per square foot.

Conclusion of Law

The appellants contend 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 appellants *met* this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment *is* warranted.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be *the appellants' comparable sales*. These comparables sold for unadjusted prices ranging from \$145.18 to \$158.87 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$169.32 per square foot of living area, including land, which is above the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. Based on this evidence and after making adjustments to the sales for pertinent factors, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment *is* 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.



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Member



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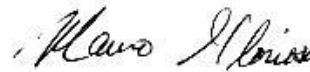
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DISSENTING: _____

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: May 26, 2020



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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