



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

APPELLANT: Jerry Garofalo
DOCKET NO.: 16-29103.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 08-13-112-006-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jerry Garofalo, the appellant, 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: \$11,088
IMPR.: \$19,912
TOTAL: \$31,000

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 59-year old, multi-level, single-family dwelling of masonry construction. Features of the home include: a partial basement, one full and one half-bath, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a two-car garage. The property has a 20,160 square foot site and is located in Elk Grove Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-34, residential property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted an appraisal estimating the subject property had a market value of \$310,000 as of December 22, 2016. The appraisal developed two of the three traditional approaches to value: the cost and sales comparison approaches. The cost approach estimated a market value of \$310,997, while the sales comparison approach estimated a market value of \$310,000 for the

subject. The appraisal estimated the fee simple value for the subject, which was identified as being tenant-occupied. The appraisal included interior and exterior photographs of the subject as well as a building sketch reflecting that the subject contained 1,272 square feet of living area. In addition, the appraisal indicated that the subject had recently been purchased on December 16, 2016 for a price of \$300,000.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$34,984. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$349,840 or \$224.54 per square foot of living area, using 1,558 square feet, including land, when applying the 2016 three- year average median level of assessment for class 2 property of 10% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four suggested comparable sales. In addition, the board of review's grid analysis indicated that the subject had been purchased in June, 2013 for a price of \$230,000 or \$147.63 per square foot. Further, the grid indicates that the subject property contains 1,558 square feet of living area.

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

The Board finds the best evidence of market value and improvement size to be the *appraisal submitted by the appellant*. The Board finds the subject property had a market value of \$310,000 as of the assessment date at issue. Since market value has been established the 2016 three-year average median level of assessment for class 2 property of 10% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue shall apply. (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(c)(2).

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 16, 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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