



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

APPELLANT: IH4 Property Illinois L.P.  
DOCKET NO.: 16-38589.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 07-20-403-030-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are IH4 Property Illinois L.P., the appellant(s), by attorney Jeffrey G. Hertz, of Sarnoff & Baccash 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 **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:** \$ 4,371  
**IMPR.:** \$15,129  
**TOTAL:** \$19,500

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 (the "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 multi-level dwelling of frame and masonry construction with 1,888 square feet of living area. The dwelling is 55 years old. The property is situated on a parcel of land with 10,287 square feet, and is located in Schaumburg Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-34 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant's appeal is based on overvaluation. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted evidence disclosing the subject property was transferred to the appellant from Freddie and Wanda Chafin on December 5, 2014 for a price of \$195,000 in a cash transaction. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to reflect the purchase price.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted Notes on Appeal indicating the subject's current assessed value is \$27,553. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$275,530, or \$145.94 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the 2016 statutory level of assessment for class 2 property of 10% under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The board of review also submitted information on four sale comparables, each of which reflected equity data. The comparables sold between March 2014 and December 2015 for sale prices ranging from \$205.05 to \$251.85 per square foot, including land. The grid sheet also reflected the sale of the subject in December 2014 for \$195,000, or \$103.28 per square foot, including land.

Additionally, the board of review submitted a "deed trail" and a memorandum arguing that the subject's sale was compulsory. The "deed trail" revealed no evidence that the sale was compulsory, however. Based on this evidence, the board 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 has 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 undisputed purchase of the subject property in December 2014 for a price of \$195,000. The appellant provided evidence demonstrating the sale had the elements of an arm's length transaction, including disclosing that the parties to the transaction were not related and that the property was sold using a real estate broker. In support of the transaction, the appellant submitted the warranty deed, the settlement statement, and the Multiple Listing Service printout. As such, the Board finds the purchase price is below the market value reflected by the assessment. The Board finds the board of review did not present any evidence to challenge the arm's length nature of the transaction or provide evidence that this sale was compulsory. Based on this record the Board finds a reduction to the appellant's request 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



Member



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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:

May 18, 2021



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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