



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

APPELLANT: Matt Renner
DOCKET NO.: 17-01730.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 10-36-405-042

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Matt Renner, the appellant, by attorney Ronald Kingsley, of Lake County Real Estate Tax Appeal, LLC in Lake Forest; and the Lake 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 **Lake** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$12,634
IMPR.: \$41,873
TOTAL: \$54,507

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Lake County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2017 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 one-story dwelling of wood siding exterior construction with 1,224 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1991. Features of the home include a crawl-space foundation, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a two-car garage with 420 square feet of building area. The property has a 7,500 square foot site and is located in Hawthorn Woods, Fremont Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four comparable sales located within .19 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables were improved with one-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction that ranged in size from 1,099 to 1,337 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 1928 to 1976. The site sizes ranged from 5,000 to 14,260 square feet of land area. Each comparable has a basement with two comparables having finished

area, three comparables have central air conditioning, two comparables have a fireplace and two comparables have an attached or detached garage with 528 or 330 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from June 2015 to March 2016 for prices ranging from \$110,000 to \$195,000 or from \$100.09 to \$168.39 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the assessment be reduced to \$52,015 or a market value of \$156,061 or \$127.50 per square foot of living area, land included.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$54,507. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$164,425 or \$134.33 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2017 three year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.15% 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 comparable sales located within .138 of a mile from the subject property. One comparable used by the board of review was also utilized by the appellant. The comparables were improved with one-story or 1.25-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction that ranged in size from 1,052 to 1,460 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 1923 to 1986. Three comparables have a basement with one comparable having finished area. One comparable has a crawl-space foundation. Three comparables have central air conditioning, two comparables have a fireplace and each comparable has a garage ranging in size from 330 to 672 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from March 2016 to September 2017 for prices ranging from \$180,000 to \$222,000 or from \$142.11 to \$179.03 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested that the assessment be confirmed.

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 did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted seven comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The appellant's comparable #3 is the same property as board of review's comparable #1. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparables #1, #2 and #4. These sales occurred from June to September 2015, which are dated and less indicative of fair market value as of the subject's January 1, 2017 assessment date.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellant's comparable sale #3 along with the board of review's comparables. The Board finds that these comparables are inferior in age, but three comparables are superior in having a basement when compared to the subject. The greatest weight was placed on board of review's comparable #4, the only comparable without a basement. These comparables are similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, construction and features. These comparables sold for prices ranging from \$180,000 to \$222,000 or from

\$142.11 to \$179.03 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$164,425 or \$134.33 per square foot of living area, including land, which is below the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. After considering adjustments to the comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is supported. Based on this evidence the Board finds 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: June 16, 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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