



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

APPELLANT: Yelena Lyamets
DOCKET NO.: 17-02396.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-21-102-004

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Yelena Lyamets, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld and Associates, LLC in Chicago; 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: \$48,478
IMPR.: \$120,603
TOTAL: \$169,081

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 two-story dwelling with wood siding containing 2,571 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1988. Features of the home include a 1,018 square foot basement with finished area, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 460 square foot garage. The property has a 12,848 square foot site and is located in Buffalo Grove, Vernon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on three comparable sales all located in the subject's neighborhood and within 0.60 mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 10,410 to 17,618 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings ranging in size from 2,571 to 2,774 square feet of living area. The homes were built in 1988 or 1991. All comparables have basements with finished area, central air conditioning, one

fireplace and garages with 460 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from June 2015 to May 2016 for prices ranging from \$465,000 to \$471,000 or from \$169.43 to \$183.20 per square foot living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the subject's assessment be reduced to \$151,474.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$169,081. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$510,048 or \$198.39 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 five comparable sales, one of which was also submitted by the appellant. All comparables were located in the subject's neighborhood and within 0.20 mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites sizes from 9,152 to 13,959 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings ranging in size from 2,533 to 2,639 square feet of living area. The homes were built in 1988 or 1989. All comparables have basements, four of which have finished area, and feature central air conditioning, one fireplace and have garages with 420 to 462 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from July 2017 to August 2018 for prices ranging from \$480,000 to \$540,000 or from \$187.65 to \$204.62 per square foot living area, land included. Based on this evidence the board of review requested that the subject's 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 a total of seven comparables, one of which was a common comparable that sold twice. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparables #2 and #3 for older sale dates in 2015 and the board of review's comparables #1, #3 and #5 for sale dates in 2018. Sales in 2015 and 2018 are not as proximate in time to the assessment date as the best comparables found herein. The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparable #1 and the board of review's comparables #2 and #4. These sales were most similar to the subject in location, site size, style, dwelling size, age and features. These most similar comparables sold from May 2016 to September 2017 for prices ranging from \$465,000 to \$540,000 or from \$177.62 to \$204.62 per square foot living area, land included. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$510,048 or \$198.39 per square foot of living area, including land which is within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. 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: April 21, 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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