



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

APPELLANT: Vipin Verma  
DOCKET NO.: 17-03609.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 15-17-301-010

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Vipin Verma, 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:** \$21,897  
**IMPR.:** \$199,672  
**TOTAL:** \$221,569

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 of brick exterior construction with 4,526 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1985. Features of the home include an unfinished partial basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and an 825 square foot garage. The property has an 89,298 square foot site and is located in Long Grove, Vernon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement assessment as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on three equity comparables located in the same neighborhood as the subject property. The comparables consist of two-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 4,322 to 4,822 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed in either 1987 or 1988. The comparables each feature a full or partial basement with one having finished area, central air

conditioning, one to four fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 694 to 792 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$140,363 to \$180,362 or from \$32.48 to \$38.90 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$221,569. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$199,672 or \$44.12 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on six equity comparables located in the same neighborhood as the subject property. The comparables consist of two-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 4,368 to 4,651 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1987 to 1989. The comparables each feature a full or partial basement with three having finished area, central air conditioning, one to three fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 649 to 800 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$197,279 to \$216,318 or from \$44.60 to \$48.10 per square foot of living area. The board of review provided property record cards of the subject and its comparables. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested that the subject's assessment be sustained.

### **Conclusion of Law**

The appellant contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. When unequal treatment in the assessment process is the basis of the appeal, the inequity of the assessments must be proved by clear and convincing evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of unequal treatment in the assessment process should consist of documentation of the assessments for the assessment year in question of not less than three comparable properties showing the similarity, proximity and lack of distinguishing characteristics of the assessment comparables to the subject property. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(b). 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 nine suggested equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparable #2, along with board of review comparables #2, #3 and #6 as each has a finished basement unlike the subject.

The Board finds the five remaining comparables are similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, design, age and features. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$32.48 to \$46.64 per square foot of living area. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$44.12 per square foot of living area, which falls within the range established by the best comparables in the record.

The constitutional provision for uniformity of taxation and valuation does not require mathematical equality. A practical uniformity, rather than an absolute one, is the test. Apex Motor Fuel Co. v. Barrett, 20 Ill.2d 395 (1960). Although the comparables presented by the parties disclosed that properties located in the same area are not assessed at identical levels, all that the constitution requires is a practical uniformity, which exists on the basis of the evidence.

Based on this record the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment based on inequity 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: July 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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