



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

APPELLANT: John Cortesi  
DOCKET NO.: 17-03632.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 11-22-206-020

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are John Cortesi, 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:** \$83,369  
**IMPR.:** \$215,960  
**TOTAL:** \$299,329

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 wood siding exterior construction with 4,036 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1995. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a 690 square foot garage. The property has a 20,404 square foot site and is located in Libertyville, Libertyville 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 wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 3,241 to 3,714 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed in either 1997 or 1999. The comparables each feature a full or partial unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one or

two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 734 to 759 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$161,273 to \$184,022 or from \$48.46 to \$49.91 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 \$299,329. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$215,960 or \$53.51 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 3,806 to 4,247 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in either 1997 or 2004. The comparables each feature a full or partial unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one to four fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 660 to 927 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$219,627 to \$258,312 or from \$56.27 to \$60.82 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 comparables #1 and #2 due to their smaller dwelling sizes when compared to the subject. The Board also gave less weight to board of review comparable #4 due to its newer age when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the remaining six comparables are most similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, design, age and features. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$49.55 to \$60.17 per square foot of living area. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$53.51 per square foot of living area, which falls within the range established by the best comparables in the record. 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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