



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

APPELLANT: Frank Sgaraglino
DOCKET NO.: 17-03863.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-10-303-004

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Frank Sgaraglino, 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 A Reduction 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: \$70,839
IMPR.: \$36,070
TOTAL: \$106,909

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 brick exterior construction with 1,290 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1953. Features of the home include one full bathroom, an unfinished full basement, a fireplace and a 400 square foot attached garage. The property has a 12,530 square foot site and is located in Highland Park, Moraine 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 located within 0.79 of a mile from the subject property and within the subject's neighborhood code. The comparables have sites that range in size from 11,751 to 14,849 square feet of land area and are improved with one-story dwellings of brick exterior construction that range in size from 1,454 to 1,480 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1956 to 1959. Each comparable has one and one-half or

two full bathrooms, a basement, two with finished area, central air conditioning and an attached garage ranging in size from 506 to 736 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from September 2015 to November 2016 for prices ranging from \$316,000 to \$345,000 or from \$217.33 to \$233.11 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$95,844.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$116,655. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$351,900 or \$272.79 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 approximately 0.88 of a mile from the subject and within the subject's neighborhood code. The comparables have sites that range in size from 11,628 to 14,473 square feet of land area and are improved with one-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 1,334 to 1,519 square feet of living area. The homes were built in either 1954 or 1956. Each comparable has two or three full bathrooms, a basement with finished area, central air conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 360 to 702 square feet of building area. Three of the comparables each have one fireplace. The comparables sold from June 2015 to May 2017 for prices ranging from \$420,000 to \$482,000 or from \$289.21 to \$356.07 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested 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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted seven comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparable #3 along with board of review comparables #3 and #4 due to sale dates being in 2015 which are dated and less likely to be indicative of the subject's estimated market value as of January 1, 2017. The Board finds the best evidence to be appellant's comparables #1 and #2 and board of review comparables #1 and #2 which are more similar in age, location, dwelling size, design and garage size when compared to the subject. These best comparables each have a higher bathroom count than the subject, central air conditioning and three have finished basements which the subject lacks, thus, suggesting downward adjustments to these comparables. These most similar comparables sold from January 2016 to May 2017 for prices ranging from \$316,000 to \$426,000 or from \$217.33 to \$314.84 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$351,900 or \$272.79 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record in terms of both overall value and on a per square foot basis. However, after considering adjustments to the comparables with

respect to bathroom count, finished basement and presence of central air conditioning, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is 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



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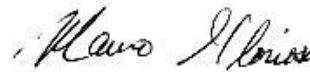
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DISSENTING: _____

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: 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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