



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

APPELLANT: Michael Griffin
DOCKET NO.: 17-06065.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 04-03-34-401-012

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Michael Griffin, the appellant; and the Douglas 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 **Douglas** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$3,800
IMPR.: \$51,304
TOTAL: \$55,104

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Douglas 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 and vinyl-siding exterior construction with 1,778 square feet of living area that was constructed in 1999. Features of the home include a crawlspace foundation, central air conditioning, and a fireplace. The dwelling has a two-car attached garage and a two-car detached garage. The property has a .55-acre site and is located in Camargo, Camargo Township, Douglas County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted an appraisal estimating the subject property had a market value of \$165,000 as of October 22, 2015.

The appellant also submitted a copy of the final decision issued by the Douglas County Board of Review disclosing the subject property's final assessment of \$57,308. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$171,941 or \$96.70 per square foot of living area, land

included, when using the 2017 three-year average median level of assessment for Douglas County of 33.33% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The board of review did not submit its “Board of Review Notes on Appeal” or any evidence in support of its assessment of the subject property as required by section 1910.40(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. 86 Ill.Adm.Code §1910.40(a). Therefore, the board of review was found to be in default pursuant to section 1910.69(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. 86 Ill.Adm.Code §1910.69(a).

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 appellant in this appeal submitted an appraisal in support of the contention that the subject property was overvalued. The appraiser developed the sales comparison approach to value in arriving at an opinion of value for the subject property of \$165,000 as of October 22, 2015. The subject's assessment of \$57,308 reflects an estimated market value of \$171,941 which is greater than the appraisal of the subject property. The board of review did not submit any evidence in support of its assessment of the subject property or refute the evidence submitted by the appellant as required by section 1910.40(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. 86 Ill.Adm.Code §1910.40(a). Therefore, the board of review was found to be in default pursuant to section 1910.69(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. 86 Ill.Adm.Code §1910.69(a). The Board has examined the information submitted by the appellant and finds that it supports a reduction in the assessed valuation of the subject property commensurate with the appellant's assessment request.

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: October 20, 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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