



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

APPELLANT: Ann Wolff
DOCKET NO.: 17-21313.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 05-17-200-049-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Ann Wolff, the appellant, by attorney Scott L. David, of Much Shelist in Chicago; and the Cook 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 **Cook** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$55,337
IMPR.: \$44,663
TOTAL: \$100,000

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Cook 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 1.5-story dwelling of masonry construction with 3,284 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 58 years old. Features of the home include an unfinished partial basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace, an inground swimming pool and a 2-car garage. The property has a 30,743 square foot site and is located in Winnetka, New Trier Township, Cook County. The property is a class 2-04 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

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 \$1,000,000 as of January 1, 2017.

The appellant's appraisal was completed using the sales comparison approach to value property in estimating a market value for the subject property. The appellant's appraisers selected three

comparable properties that are located in Winnetka. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 24,418 to 27,973 square feet of land area that are improved with 1-story or 2-story dwellings of stucco or brick and frame construction that range in size from 2,720 to 3,565 square feet of living area. The comparables were built between 1945 and 1955 and have full basements, one of which has finished area. Other features include central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 2-car garage. The comparables sold in either July 2015 or January 2017 for prices ranging from \$925,000 to \$1,125,000 or from \$294.29 to \$340.07 per square foot of living area, including land.

Based on this evidence the appellant requested that the subject's assessment be reduced to \$100,000.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$108,084. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$1,080,840 or \$329.12 per square foot of building area, including land, when applying the Cook County level of assessment for class 2 property of 10%.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three comparable sales that are located in Glencoe and within the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 8,842 to 11,338 square feet of land area that are improved with 1-story or 1.5-story dwellings of frame or frame and masonry construction. The comparables range in size from 2,175 to 2,755 square feet of living area and are either 59 or 62 years old. The comparables have partial basements, two of which have finished area, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and either a 1-car or a 2-car garage. The comparables sold from February 2014 to September 2016 for prices ranging from \$575,000 to \$740,000 or from \$253.24 to \$268.60 per square foot of living area, including land.

Based on this evidence the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

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 Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appraisal submitted by the appellant estimating the subject property had a market value of \$1,000,000 as of January 1, 2017. The subject's assessment reflects a market value above the best evidence of market value in the record. The Board gives less weight to the board of review's comparables due to either their smaller size or their sale date occurring greater than 17 months prior to the January 1, 2017 assessment date at issue. Based on the evidence in this record, 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



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 20, 2021



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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