



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

APPELLANT: Jamie Connor
DOCKET NO.: 17-25093.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-19-310-035-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jamie Connor, the appellant(s), by attorney Joanne Elliott, of Elliott & Associates, P.C. in Des Plaines; 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: \$ 14,168
IMPR.: \$ 74,832
TOTAL: \$ 89,000

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 (the "Board") finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal.

Findings of Fact

The subject consists of a two-story dwelling of frame construction with 2,814 square feet of living area. The dwelling is 13 years old. Features of the home include a full finished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a two-car garage. The property's site is 3,080 square feet, and it is located in Lakeview Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-78 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance. No evidence was submitted as to whether the subject is owner-occupied.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted evidence disclosing the subject property was purchased on October 28, 2016 for a price of \$890,000. The appellant's pleadings state that the total assessment for the subject is \$94,085. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$940,850, or \$334.35 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the 2017 statutory level of assessment for class

2 property of 10.00% under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to \$87,487 after applying 2016 Illinois Department of Revenue three-year average median level of assessment for class 2 property of 9.83%.

The Board found the board of review to be in default under 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.40(d), and, therefore, the board of review did not submit any evidence in support of the subject's current 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 proven 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 did meet this burden of proof, and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

Initially, the Board finds that the statutory level of assessment for class 2 property found in the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 10.0% is applicable in this appeal. The appellant has provided the Board with the 2016 Illinois Department of Revenue three-year average median level of assessment for class 2 property of 9.83%. This figure is not derived from the relevant tax year for the instant appeal of 2017. Moreover, the appellant has not provided any evidence or argument to justify using the 2016 Illinois Department of Revenue three-year average median level of assessment for class 2 property. As such, the Board will use the statutory level of assessment of 10.0%.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the purchase of the subject in October 2016 for a price of \$890,000. The appellant provided evidence demonstrating that the sale had the elements of an arm's-length transaction, including disclosing that the parties to the transaction were not related and the property was advertised for sale on the open market with a listing on the MLS for approximately 20 days. In further support of the transaction, the appellant submitted the printout from the MLS and the settlement statement. The Board finds the purchase price is below the market value reflected by the assessment. The Board finds the board of review did not present any evidence to challenge the arm's-length nature of the transaction, or to refute the contention that the purchase price was reflective of market value. Based on this record the Board finds the subject property had a market value of \$890,000 as of January 1, 2017. Since market value has been established, the 2017 statutory level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 10.00% shall apply. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(c)(2).

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: June 8, 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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