

# FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Grant Judickas
DOCKET NO.: 17-27104.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 23-01-108-012-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Grant Judickas, the appellant, by attorney George N. Reveliotis, of Reveliotis Law, P.C. in Park Ridge; and the Cook County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented in this matter, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds <u>A Reduction</u> 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:** \$4,690 **IMPR.:** \$15,206 **TOTAL:** \$19,896

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 multi-level dwelling of frame and masonry exterior construction with 1,408 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 31 years old. Features of the home include a partial basement with finished area, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a 2-car garage. The property has a 9,875 square foot site located in Hickory Hills, Palos Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-34 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables located in the same neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables are improved with multi-level dwellings of frame and masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,127 to 1,745 square feet of living area. The comparables range in age from 30 to 53

years old. Each comparable has a partial basement with finished area and a one-car or a two-car garage. The appellant failed to report sufficient detail for central air conditioning. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$11,440 to \$13,730 or from \$7.87 to \$10.85 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the improvement assessment be reduced to \$13,312 or \$9.45 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" for a different parcel than the subject. Furthermore, the board of review's evidence included comparables for similar class 2-34 dwellings that are located in a different neighborhood than the subject property.

### **Conclusion of Law**

The taxpayer 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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The Board finds the evidence submitted by the board of review is for a different parcel, and the comparables are for properties located in a different neighborhood code other than the subject. Therefore, the Board gave no weight to this evidence.

The appellant submitted four equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board finds the appellant's comparables have varying degrees of similarity when compared to the subject in location, age, dwelling size and some features. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$11,440 to \$13,730 or from \$7.87 to \$10.85 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$17,452 or \$12.25 falls above the range established by the appellant's comparable and is not supported. Based on this record, the Board finds the appellant demonstrated with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and 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.

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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:	November 17, 2020	
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	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 <u>PETITION AND EVIDENCE</u> 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.

# PARTIES OF RECORD

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