



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

APPELLANT: Efthimios Chrisovitsiotis  
DOCKET NO.: 17-30679.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 09-29-306-040-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Efthimios Chrisovitsiotis, 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 **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:** \$3,953  
**IMPR.:** \$17,445  
**TOTAL:** \$21,398

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 1,308 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 54 years old. Features of the home include a partial basement with finished area and a 2.5-car garage.<sup>1</sup> The property has a 6,875 square foot site located in Des Plaines, Maine Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-34 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The Board finds that the subject property is owner-occupied since the appellant's mailing address is the same as the subject property's address as depicted on the appeal form. The Board

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<sup>1</sup> The appellant's Section V Grid analysis indicates a "1" or "2" for central air conditioning. The Board takes notice from the board of review's evidence that the subject does not have central air conditioning and that in the appellant's evidence "1" indicates the presence of central air conditioning and "2" indicates its absence.

takes notice that the subject property was the subject matter of an appeal before the Property Tax Appeal Board the prior year under Docket Number 16-32434.001-R-1. In that appeal the Property Tax Appeal Board issued a decision lowering the assessment of the subject property to \$21,398 based on an agreement of the parties.

For this 2017 tax year appeal, 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 that are located within the same neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables have varying degrees of similarity when compared to the subject in age, dwelling size and other features. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$14,780 to \$20,522 or from \$12.50 to \$12.83 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$16,582 or \$12.68 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$22,244. The board of review also reported that 2016 was the beginning of the subject's general assessment cycle and that no equalization factor was applied in 2017. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$18,291 or \$13.98 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables that are located within the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables have varying degrees of similarity when compared to the subject in age, dwelling size and other features. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$18,763 to \$20,409 or from \$14.29 to \$15.60 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested that the subject's assessment be confirmed.

### **Conclusion of Law**

The Board finds the subject property is an owner-occupied residence that was the subject matter of an appeal before the Property Tax Appeal Board for the 2016 tax year under Docket Number 16-32434.001-R-1. In that appeal, the Property Tax Appeal Board issued a decision lowering the assessment of the subject property to \$21,398 based on an agreement of the parties. The Board further finds Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code is controlling in this appeal. (35 ILCS 200/16-185).

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) provides in part:

If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel on which a residence occupied by the owner is situated, such reduced assessment, subject to equalization, shall remain in effect for the remainder of the general assessment period as provided in Sections 9-215 through 9-225, unless that parcel is subsequently sold in an arm's length transaction establishing a fair cash value for the parcel that is different from the fair cash value on which the Board's assessment is based, or unless the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board is reversed or modified upon review. (35 ILCS 200/16-185)

Therefore, the Board finds that the prior year's decision should be carried forward to the 2017 tax year pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185). The Board finds the evidence in the record indicates that the subject property is an owner-occupied residence since the mailing address is the same as the property address and that the 2016 and 2017 tax years are within the same general assessment period for Maine Township. The record contains no evidence indicating that the subject property sold in an arms-length transaction establishing a different fair cash value or that the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board was reversed or modified upon review. As a final point, the comparables provided by the parties demonstrate the subject is being equitably assessed after the adjustment called for by section 16-185. For these reasons, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted to reflect the Board's prior year's decision of \$21,398.

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



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Member



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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: September 21, 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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