



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

APPELLANT: John Flaws
DOCKET NO.: 17-32834.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 18-17-403-055-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are John Flaws, 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 **No Change** 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: \$11,137
IMPR.: \$41,062
TOTAL: \$52,199

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 two-story dwelling of frame exterior construction with 3,208 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 22 years old. Features of the home include a partial unfinished basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a two-car garage. The property has a 24,750 square foot site and is located in Countryside, Lyons Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-78 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant originally filed an appeal marking the basis of appeal as recent appraisal along with a request for an extension of time to submit evidence. The appellant's subsequent submission of evidence lacked the necessary basis of appeal (35 ILCS 200/16-180; 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.30(j)) but provided a brief along with three comparable properties with equity data, two of which have dated sales in 1999 and 2013 and one of which sold in 2016. In the absence of sufficient recent market value evidence to assert overvaluation of the subject

property (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(c)(4)), the Board will analyze this appeal based on the brief and evidence wherein the appellant implies assessment inequity as the basis of this appeal.

In support of the inequity argument the appellant submitted information on three comparables located in the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables consist of two-story class 2-78 dwellings of frame or frame and masonry exterior construction. The homes range in age from 1 to 38 years old and range in size from 2,797 to 3,735 square feet of living area. Each comparable has a full or partial unfinished basement, central air conditioning and either a two-car or a three-car garage. Two comparables have one or two fireplaces each. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$32,587 to \$47,128 or from \$11.19 to \$12.62 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant as set forth in the Residential Appeal petition requested a reduced improvement assessment of \$28,863 or \$9.00 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 \$52,199. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$41,062 or \$12.80 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 located in the same neighborhood code as the subject and either in the subarea or within ¼ of a mile from the subject. The comparables consist of two-story class 2-78 dwellings of frame, masonry or frame and masonry exterior construction. The homes range in age from 4 to 24 years old and range in size from 2,967 to 3,262 square feet of living area. Each comparable has a full unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a two-car to a three-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$42,371 to \$47,786 or from \$14.10 to \$14.65 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

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 did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted a total of seven comparables to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board has given reduced weight to the appellant's comparables and board of review comparable #3 due to significant differences in age and/or dwelling size as compared to the subject dwelling.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be board of review comparables #1, #2 and #4 which present varying degrees of similarity to the subject. These three comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$43,051 to \$47,786 or from \$14.11 to \$14.65 per

square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$41,062 or \$12.80 per square foot of living area falls below the range established by the best comparables in this record both in terms of overall improvement assessment and on a per-square-foot basis. Based on this record and after considering adjustments to the comparables for differences when compared to the subject such as the subject's partial basement, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not 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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