



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

APPELLANT: Janina Skalecki  
DOCKET NO.: 17-38576.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 13-19-433-015-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Janina Skalecki, 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 **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:** \$4,989  
**IMPR.:** \$21,936  
**TOTAL:** \$26,925

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 frame exterior construction with 1,795 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 105 years old. Features of the home includes a partial basement with finished recreational area, central air conditioning and a 2-car garage. The property has a 4,536 square foot site and is located in Chicago, Jefferson Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-03 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 information on four comparable sales located in the same neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables were improved with similar class 2-03 dwellings of frame or masonry exterior construction that range in size from 1,095 to 1,748 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from 73 to 102 years old. The comparables have sites that range from 3,720 to 4,340 square feet of land area. Three comparables have full unfinished basements and one comparable has a concrete-slab foundation. One comparable has central air

conditioning and three comparables have either a 1-car or 2-car garage. The comparables sold from February 2016 to May 2017 for prices ranging from \$120,000 to \$205,500 or from \$70.88 to \$132.42 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the subject's assessment be reduced.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$26,925. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$269,250 or \$150.00 per square foot of living area, including land, when using the level of assessment for class 2 property of 10% under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales located in the same neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables were improved with two 1-story dwelling or two 1.5-story dwellings of frame or masonry exterior construction that range in size from 1,036 to 1,776 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from 89 to 105 years old. The comparables have sites that range from 3,175 to 3,806 square feet of land area. Each comparable has a full basement with one comparable having finished area, two comparables have central air conditioning and each comparable has either a 1.5-car or 2-car garage. The comparables sold from January to December 2016 for prices ranging from \$272,500 to \$395,000 or from \$153.43 to \$294.97 per square foot of living area, land included. 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 did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted eight comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to the appellants comparable #3 as this property lacks a basement when compared to the subject. The Board gave less weight to the appellants comparable #4 based on its smaller dwelling size when compared to the subject. The Board gave less weight to the board of reviews comparables #2 and #3 due to a difference in design when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value are the appellant's comparable #1 and #2 along with the board of reviews comparables #1 and #4. These comparables have varying degrees of similarity when compared to the subject in land size, design, age, dwelling size and some features. These comparables sold for prices ranging from \$123,900 to \$395,000 or from \$70.88 to \$228.85 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$269,250 or \$150.00 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. After considering adjustments to the comparable sales for differences when compared to the subject,

the Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by the assessment is supported. Based on this evidence the Board finds 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



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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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