



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

APPELLANT: Karlo & Carol Gregoric
DOCKET NO.: 17-42102.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 29-15-400-031-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Karlo & Carol Gregoric, the appellants, 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: \$3,500
IMPR.: \$3,470
TOTAL: \$6,970

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellants 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 one-story dwelling of frame exterior construction with 1,250 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 93 years old. Features of the home include an unfinished basement and a 2-car garage. The property has an 8,750 square foot site and is located in South Holland, Thornton Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-03 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellants' appeal is based on both overvaluation and assessment equity. The subject's land assessment was not challenged.

In support of the overvaluation argument, the appellants submitted information on four comparable sales located in the same neighborhood code as the subject property. The

comparables have sites that range in size from 7,998 to 29,258 square feet of land area and are improved with class 2-03 dwellings of frame exterior construction that range in size from 1,060 to 1,176 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from 52 to 64 years old. Three comparables have an unfinished basement and one comparable has a crawl space foundation. Each comparable has a 1-car or a 2-car garage, two comparables have central air conditioning and one comparable has a fireplace. The comparables sold from August 2016 to May 2017 for prices ranging from \$56,000 to \$82,000 or from \$47.62 to \$72.17 per square foot of living area, land included.

As an alternate basis of the appeal, the appellants contend assessment inequity with respect to the improvement assessment. In support of the inequity argument, the appellants submitted information on five equity comparables located in the same neighborhood code as the subject and having varying degrees of similarity to the subject. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$94 to \$6,310 or from \$0.09 to \$4.64 per square foot of living area.

Based on this evidence, the appellants requested the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$6,970. The requested assessment reflects a total market value of \$69,700 or \$55.76 per square foot of living area, land included, when applying the level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 10%. The request would lower the subject's improvement assessment to \$3,470 or \$2.78 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted two "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$10,110. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$101,100 or \$80.88 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 10%. The subject has an improvement assessment of \$6,610 or \$5.29 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment on the basis of overvaluation, the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales located within the same neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 6,250 to 6,875 square feet of land area and are improved with one-story, class 2-03 dwellings of masonry or frame and masonry exterior construction that range in size from 1,082 to 1,237 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from 58 to 61 years old. Each comparable has a basement, three with finished area, central air conditioning and either a 1.5-car or a 2-car garage. One comparable has a fireplace. The comparables sold from February 2014 to November 2017 for prices ranging from \$105,000 to \$159,900 or from \$96.92 to \$143.79 per square foot of living area, land included.

On equity grounds, the board of review submitted information on eight equity comparables located in the same neighborhood code as the subject property that have varying degrees of similarity to the subject. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$7,392 to \$11,241 or from \$6.01 to \$10.11 per square foot of living area.

Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

Conclusion of Law

The appellants contend, in part, 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 appellants met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted eight comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to the appellants' comparable #1 due to its significantly larger site size and comparable #4 which has a crawl space foundation compared to the subject's unfinished basement. The Board gave reduced weight to board of review comparables #3 and #4 which sold in 2014 and are dated and less likely to be indicative of the subject's market value as of the January 1, 2017 assessment date.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the remaining comparable sales which are similar to the subject in location, dwelling size and some features. Each of these comparables are newer in age compared to the subject and two have finished basements superior to the subject's unfinished basement. This suggests downward adjustments are needed to make the comparables more similar to the subject. These comparables sold from October 2016 to November 2017 for prices ranging from \$56,000 to \$107,000 or from \$47.62 to \$97.04 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$101,100 or \$80.88 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. However, after considering adjustments to the comparables for newer age and other features when compared to the subject, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment, based on overvaluation, is justified.

The taxpayers also contend assessment inequity as an alternative 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). After considering the reduction to the subject's assessment based on overvaluation, the Board finds a further reduction in the subject's assessment based on lack of assessment uniformity 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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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: April 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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