



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

APPELLANT: Peter & Joan Papadopoulos  
DOCKET NO.: 17-42124.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 04-25-402-020-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Peter & Joan Papadopoulos, 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 **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:** \$11,400  
**IMPR.:** \$59,612  
**TOTAL:** \$71,012

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 1.5-story dwelling of frame and masonry exterior construction with 3,026 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 55 years old. Features of the home include a crawl space foundation, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 2.5-car garage. The property has an 11,400 square foot site and is located in Wilmette, Northfield Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-04 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellants contend assessment inequity, with respect to the improvement assessment, as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellants submitted information on five equity comparables located in the same neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables are improved with class 2-04 dwellings which are further described as 1-story or 1.5-1.9 story designs. The homes have frame, masonry or stucco exterior construction and range

in size from 2,304 to 3,262 square feet of living area. The homes range in age from 1 to 63 years old. Three comparables have basements with two having finished area, one comparable has a concrete slab foundation and one comparable has a crawl space foundation. Each comparable has central air conditioning and a 2-car or a 3-car garage. Four comparables each have one or two fireplaces. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$5,184 to \$55,584 or from \$1.70 to \$17.04 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellants requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$37,341.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$71,012. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$59,612 or \$19.70 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 property. The comparables are improved with class 2-04 dwellings of either 1-story or 1.5-story design of masonry or frame and masonry exterior construction that range in size from 2,889 to 3,605 square feet of living area. The homes range in age from 48 to 61 years old. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning and a 2-car or a 3-car garage. Three of the comparables each have a fireplace. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$64,747 to \$74,384 or from \$19.75 to \$25.48 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 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 appellants did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted nine equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to the appellants' comparables #2, #3, and #4 and board of review comparable #3 which differ from the subject in dwelling size, finished basement and/or age. The Board also gave little weight to the appellants' comparable #5 which has an improvement assessment substantially lower than all other comparables in the record and appears to be an outlier.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the remaining comparables which have varying degrees of similarity to the subject in terms of design and features. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$55,584 to \$74,384 or \$17.04 to \$25.48 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$59,612 or \$19.70 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. After considering adjustments to the comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the appellants 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



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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: 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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