



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

APPELLANT: Cathe Scalise
DOCKET NO.: 17-42560.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 17-33-318-015-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Cathe Scalise, 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: \$10,937
IMPR.: \$ 9,633
TOTAL: \$20,570

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 one-story dwelling of frame exterior construction with 1,055 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 128 years old. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement and central air conditioning. The property has a 3,125 square foot site and is located in Chicago, South Chicago 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 that are located within the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables have lots ranging in size from 2,976 to 3,125 square feet of land area and are improved with similar class 2-03 dwellings of frame, masonry or frame and masonry exterior construction. The comparables range in size from 1,008

to 1,102 square feet of living area and range in age from 123 to 144 years old. Each comparable has a full or partial unfinished basement and three comparables each have a two-car garage. The comparables sold from June 2015 to November 2016 for prices ranging from \$185,000 to \$200,000 or from \$179.05 to \$185.81 per square foot of living area, including land.

Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$19,250. The requested assessment would reflect a total market value of \$192,500 or \$182.46 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 board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$22,542. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$225,420 or \$213.67 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%.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales. Board of review comparables #1 and #2 are the same properties as appellant's comparables #3 and #4. Each comparable is located within the same neighborhood code as the subject and either within the subarea or within ¼ of a mile of the subject. The comparables have lots ranging in size from 2,976 to 3,125 square feet of land area and were improved with similar class 2-03 one-story dwellings of frame or frame and masonry exterior construction. The comparables range in size from 1,004 to 1,249 square feet of living area and are either 127 or 144 years old. Each comparable has a full unfinished basement and a two-car garage. The comparables sold from June 2015 to August 2016 for prices ranging from \$1 to \$199,000 or from \$0.00 to \$185.81 per square foot of living area, including land.

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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted a total of six comparable sales, with two common properties, to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board has given reduced weight to board of review comparables #3 and #4. Board of review comparables #3 and #4 each sold for \$1 without further explanation which is unlikely to be indicative of the subject's estimated market value and calls into question the arm's length nature of these sales.

Of the four remaining sales, each has a price below the market value reflected by the subject's assessment. However, the Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparable sales #1 and #2 along with board of review comparable sale #2, where there is one

common property. These comparables were similar to the subject in location, age, size, foundation and some features. The properties sold in July and November 2016 for prices of \$199,000 and \$200,000 or for \$185.81 and \$181.49 per square foot of living area, including land, respectively. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$225,420 or \$213.67 per square foot of living area, including land, which is above the best comparable sales in this record. Even after considering adjustments for differences between the best comparables and the subject such as the subject's central air conditioning feature and differences in age and garage amenity, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is 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:

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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