



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

APPELLANT: Saheed Lawal  
DOCKET NO.: 17-44886.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 31-03-202-190-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Saheed Lawal, the appellant, by Jessica Hill-Magiera, Attorney at Law in Lake Zurich; 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:** \$1,080  
**IMPR.:** \$3,875  
**TOTAL:** \$4,955

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a favorable 2016 decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) to challenge 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 townhome of frame exterior construction with 1,304 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in approximately 1979 and is 38 years old. Features of the home include a concrete slab foundation, 2.5 bathrooms and a one-car garage. The property has a 1,440 square foot site and is located in County Club Hills, Rich Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-95 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 five comparable sales located within the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables have sites that range in size from 894 to 1,408 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings ranging in size from 1,207 to 1,375 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1977 to 1979. Each comparable has 1.5 to 2.5 bathrooms and a one-car garage. Four comparables have central air

conditioning. The comparables sold from September 2015 to November 2017 for prices ranging from \$23,000 to \$50,000 or from \$17.14 to \$37.90 per square foot of living area, including land.

Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$3,781. The requested assessment would reflect a total market value of \$37,810 or \$29.00 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 \$6,125. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$61,250 or \$46.97 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 comparables with equity data which is not responsive to the appellant's overvaluation argument. The board of review failed to address the appellant's overvaluation argument with market value evidence.

Based on this equity evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

The appellant's counsel submitted rebuttal comments critiquing the comparable sales provided by the board of review. Counsel argued that none of the comparables submitted by the board of review are recent sales. In a rebuttal grid analysis, counsel reiterated that the appellant's comparables are the best comparable sales in the record and contended the subject's assessment should be reduced.

### **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 Property Tax Appeal Board finds the only evidence of market value in the record to be the appellant's comparable sales. The Board has given less weight to appellant's comparables #2, #4 and #5 as their sales occurred in 2015, which are dated and less likely to reflect the subject's market value as of the January 1, 2017 assessment date. The Board finds the best evidence of market value are appellant's comparables #1 and #3. These properties sold more proximate in time to the assessment date at issue and are similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, design, age and features. They sold in November 2016 and November 2017 for prices of \$49,500 and \$50,000 or for \$37.90 and \$36.36 per square foot of living area, including land, respectively. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$61,250 or \$46.97 per square foot of living area, including land, which is above the best comparable sales in this record both in

terms of overall value and on a per-square-foot basis. After considering adjustments to the comparables for differences when compared to the subject, 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: 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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