



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

APPELLANT: Evelyn Cooper
DOCKET NO.: 18-02473.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-23-402-020

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Evelyn Cooper, the appellant, by attorney Ronald Kingsley, of Lake County Real Estate Tax Appeal, LLC in Lake Forest; and the Lake 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 **Lake** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$67,905
IMPR.: \$111,582
TOTAL: \$179,487

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Lake County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2018 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 dwelling of brick exterior construction with 2,684 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1969. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, two full-bathrooms and one half-bathroom, a fireplace and a 600 square foot garage. The property has a 20,038 square foot site and is located in Lincolnshire, Vernon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on eight comparable sales located within 0.78 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 17,860 to 23,087 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 2,484 to 2,801 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1965 to 1978. Each comparable has a basement, seven with finished area, central air

conditioning, one or two full-bathrooms, one or two half-bathrooms, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 462 to 713 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from March 2017 to July 2018 for prices ranging from \$390,000 to \$570,000 or from \$152.05 to \$229.47 per square foot of living area, land included.

The appellant's counsel submitted the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) sheets on their comparables #2, #6 and #8. The MLS sheets provided descriptions of updates for comparables #2 and #8 and proof of sale for comparable #2. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$169,075.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$179,487. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$542,585 or \$202.16 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2018 three year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.08% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales located within approximately 0.83 of a mile from the subject property. Board of review comparable #4 is the same property as the appellant's comparable #8. The comparables have sites that range in size from 17,860 to 20,038 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 2,604 to 2,676 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1966 to 1970. Each comparable has a basement, three with finished area, central air conditioning, two or three full-bathrooms, one or two fireplace and a garage ranging in size from 506 to 598 square feet of building area. Three comparables each have an additional one half-bathroom. The comparables sold from April 2017 to October 2018 for prices ranging from \$530,000 to \$630,000 or from \$199.85 to \$235.43 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

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 record contains 11 comparables for the Board's consideration as one comparable was common to both parties. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparable #1 and board of review comparable #1 due to dissimilar full-bathroom count compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best comparables to be the remaining nine comparables which includes the common comparable. These comparables are similar to the subject in location, age, design, dwelling size and features, with eight of the nine comparables having finished basements compared to the subject's unfinished basement. These comparables sold from March 2017 to October 2018 for prices ranging from \$478,000 to \$570,000 or from \$170.65 to \$229.47 per

square foot of living area, including land. Board of review comparable #3 is the most similar comparable to the subject property with its unfinished basement. This property sold in October 2018 for \$550,000 or \$210.33 per square foot of living area, land included. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$542,585 or \$202.16 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 subject for differences with the subject, 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



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: January 19, 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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