



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

APPELLANT: John Hettenhausen
DOCKET NO.: 18-03959.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 04-17.0-102-004

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are John Hettenhausen, the appellant; and the St. Clair 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 **St. Clair** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$27,769
IMPR.: \$138,203
TOTAL: \$165,972

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the St. Clair 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 masonry and frame construction with 1,748 square feet of living area. The dwelling is 17 years old. Features of the home include a full basement, that has 1,400 square feet of finished area, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a 3-car garage. The property has a 32,234 square foot site and is located in O'Fallon, O'Fallon Township, St. Clair County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four comparable sales that were located from "1 Block" to 1 mile from the subject. The comparables had lots ranging in size from 27,442 to 85,377 square feet of land area and were improved with two-story dwellings of masonry and frame construction. The homes ranged in size from 985 to 1,672 square feet of living area and ranged in age from 13 to 20 years old. The comparables featured basements, that were fully or partially finished, central air conditioning and a 3-car garage. Three comparables had two-fireplaces.

The comparables sold from August 2018 to July 2019 for prices ranging from \$475,000 to \$513,500 or from \$284.09 to \$521.32 per square foot of living area, including land.

Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$153,435. The request would reflect a market value of \$459,661 or \$262.96 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2018 three-year average median level of assessment for St. Clair County of 33.38% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$165,972. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$497,220 or \$284.45 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2018 three-year average median level of assessment for St. Clair County of 33.38% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted a copy of the appellant's grid noting, "shows that the subject property is under assessed." However, the board of review did not request an increase to 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 did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The appellant submitted four comparables that sold from August 2018 to July 2019 for prices ranging from \$475,000 to \$513,500 or from \$284.09 to \$521.32 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$497,220 or \$284.45 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the range of the appellant's comparable sales and supports the subject's assessment.

Based on the evidence in this record, 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: February 16, 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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