



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

APPELLANT: Brett Sierakowski
DOCKET NO.: 18-04229.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 08-01-411-020

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Brett Sierakowski, the appellant, by Dennis D. Koonce, Attorney at Law, in Frankfort, and the DuPage 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 **DuPage** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$51,810
IMPR.: \$171,520
TOTAL: \$223,330

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the DuPage 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 frame exterior construction with 3,429 square feet of living area.¹ The dwelling was constructed in 2005. Features of the home include a full basement with finished area, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and an attached three-car garage containing 936 square feet of building area. The property has a .2669-acre site and is located in Downers Grove, Lisle Township, DuPage County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant completed Section IV – Recent Sale Data reporting that the subject property was purchased in April 2017 for \$670,000. The parties to the transaction were not related, the property was sold through a Realtor and the property was advertised with the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) for a period of 61 days prior to the sale. In further support, the appellant submitted a copy of the MLS data sheet and the Closing Disclosure related to the transaction.

¹ Descriptive data is from the appellant's evidence as the board of review did not respond to this appeal.

The MLS data sheet depicts that the property was originally offered for \$699,900 before selling for \$670,000.

The appellant also submitted a copy of the decision of the board of review disclosing the subject property had a total assessment of \$231,130 reflecting a market value of \$694,501, including land, when using the 2018 three-year average median level of assessment for DuPage County of 33.28% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

Based upon the foregoing evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$223,333,000 to approximately reflect the purchase price.

The board of review did not submit its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" nor any evidence in support of its assessed valuation of the subject property and was found to be in default by a letter issued on September 24, 2020.

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 Board finds the only evidence of market value to be the appellant's evidence regarding the April 2017 purchase of the subject property for \$670,000, approximately eight months before the assessment date at issue herein of January 1, 2018. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$694,501, including land, which is above the recent purchase price presented by the appellant.

The board of review did not submit any evidence in support of its assessment of the subject property as required by section 1910.40(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board and is found to be in default pursuant to section 1910.69(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.40(a) & §1910.69(a). The Board has examined the evidence submitted by the appellant and finds that a reduction in the assessed valuation of the subject property approximately commensurate with the appellant's request is warranted.²

² The DuPage County Board of Review rounds assessments to the nearest 10.

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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