



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

APPELLANT: Jean Babaran  
DOCKET NO.: 18-23408.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 23-03-211-021-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jean Babaran, 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 **no change** 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:** \$4,158  
**IMPR.:** \$13,013  
**TOTAL:** \$17,171

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 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 one-story dwelling of frame and masonry construction with 1,040 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 53 years old. Features of the home include a partial basement that is unfinished, central air conditioning, a fireplace and an attached one-car garage. The property has a 7,920 square foot site and is located in Hickory Hills, Palos 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 were located within the same neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables had lots ranging in size from 6,720 to 8,502 square feet of land area and were improved with similar class 2-03 dwellings of frame and masonry construction. The homes had either 1,092 or 1,200 square feet of living area and

were either 54 or 55 years old. The comparables had other features with varying degrees of similarity to the subject. The comparables sold from July 2016 to January 2018 for prices ranging from \$155,000 to \$175,000 or from \$129.17 to \$155.68 per square foot of living area, including land.

Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$15,138. The requested assessment would reflect a total market value of \$151,380 or \$145.56 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 \$17,171. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$171,710 or \$165.11 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 that were located within the same neighborhood code as the subject property. Comparables #1 and #3 were located on the same block as the subject and comparables #2 and #4 were located within .25 of a mile from the subject. The comparables had lots ranging in size from 6,840 to 10,530 square feet of land area and were improved with similar one-story dwellings of frame or frame and masonry construction. The homes ranged in size from 1,040 to 1092 square feet of living area and were 53 years old. The comparables had other features with varying degrees of similarity to the subject. The comparables sold from August 2015 to September 2018 for prices ranging from \$195,000 to \$256,000 or from \$187.50 to \$234.43 per square foot of living area, including land.

Based on this evidence the board of review requested that 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 parties submitted a total of eight comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparable sale #2 due to its sale occurring greater than 17 months prior to the January 1, 2018 assessment date at issue. Likewise, the Board gave less weight to the board of review's comparable sale #1 due to its sale occurring greater than 28 months prior to the January 1, 2018 assessment date at issue. The Board finds the parties' remaining sales were most similar to the subject in location, lot size, style, age, size and features. These comparables also sold proximate in time to the January 1, 2018 assessment date at issue. The parties' best comparables had sale dates ranging from September 2017 to September 2018 and sold for prices ranging from \$155,000 to \$236,000 or from \$129.17 to \$216.12 per square

foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$171,710 or \$165.11 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. After considering adjustments to best comparables for differences when compared to 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: December 15, 2020



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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