



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

APPELLANT: Susan Murphy
DOCKET NO.: 18-34453.001-R-1 through 18-34453.002-R-1
PARCEL NO.: See Below

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Susan Murphy, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld and Associates, LLC in Chicago; 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:

DOCKET NO	PARCEL NUMBER	LAND	IMPRVMT	TOTAL
18-34453.001-R-1	13-01-325-032-0000	5,937	16,632	\$22,569
18-34453.002-R-1	13-01-325-033-0000	5,937	16,632	\$22,569

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 two parcels improved with a 1-story dwelling of masonry exterior construction with 2,079 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 61 years old. Features of the home include a partial unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a one-car garage. The property has a combined 6,250 square foot site and is located in Chicago, Jefferson Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-04 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on three equity comparables located in the same neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables are improved class 2-04 dwellings of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 2,285 to 2,617 square feet of living area. The dwellings are either 68 or 95 years old. Each comparable

has a full unfinished basement and a two-car garage. One comparable has central air conditioning and one fireplace. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$34,899 to \$40,936 or from \$15.27 to \$15.73 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the subject's total improvement assessment be reduced to \$32,329 or \$15.55 per square foot of living area.

The appellant submitted a copy of the final decision of the Cook County Board of Review dated April 1, 2019 for the 2018 assessment year concerning the two parcels which depicts assessments of \$26,648 for Parcel #1 (PIN 13-01-325-032-0000) and \$26,648 for Parcel #2 (PIN 13-01-325-033-0000). The subject's two parcels have a combined total assessment of \$53,296 and a total improvement assessment of \$41,422 or \$19.92 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal providing assessment information on only one parcel under appeal. In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables, one of which was presented by the appellant, although the parties differ on the assessment for this parcel, that are located in the same neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables are improved with one, 1-story class 2-04; two, 1.5-story class 2-04 and one, 2-story class 2-05 dwellings of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 2,069 to 2,488 square feet of living area. The comparables range in age from 63 to 93 years old. Each comparable has a full unfinished basement and a one-car or a two-car garage. One comparable has central air conditioning. Two comparables each have one fireplace. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$30,563 to \$37,730 or from \$14.77 to \$15.99 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

Conclusion of Law

The taxpayer contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. When unequal treatment in the assessment process is the basis of the appeal, the inequity of the assessments must be proved by clear and convincing evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of unequal treatment in the assessment process should consist of documentation of the assessments for the assessment year in question of not less than three comparable properties showing the similarity, proximity and lack of distinguishing characteristics of the assessment comparables to the subject property. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(b). The Board finds the appellant met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted six suggested comparables, with one common property, for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #1 and #2 due to their older ages and/or larger dwelling size when compared to the subject. The Board gives less weight to the board of review's comparables #2 and #3 due to their older ages when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the parties' remaining comparables which includes the common property. These comparables are most similar to the subject in age and dwelling size with varying degrees of similarity in features. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$30,563 to \$39,136 or from \$14.77 to \$15.73 per square

foot of living area. The subject's total improvement assessment of \$41,422 or \$19.92 falls above the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the appellant demonstrated with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and 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



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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: November 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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