



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

APPELLANT: John C. Thornton
DOCKET NO.: 18-34516.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 25-22-119-041-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are John C. Thornton, 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 **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:

LAND: \$2,275
IMPR.: \$3,665
TOTAL: \$5,940

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2018 tax year after receiving a decision from the Cook County Board of Review. 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 and one-half story, frame dwelling with 990 square feet of living area. The dwelling is 130 years old and is situated on a 3,500 square foot parcel of land. It is located in Hyde Park Township, Cook County and is classified as a Class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance. The appellant indicated the subject property is not owner-occupied.

The appellant contends assessment inequity and overvaluation as the bases of the appeal. In support of the equity argument, the appellant submitted information on eight equity comparables. The comparables ranged in improvement assessment per square foot from \$5.52 to \$8.50 psf.

The appellant also contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted descriptive information on the appeal grid sheet for five sale comparables, all of which reflected equity data. The comparables sold between May 2016 and October 2018 for prices ranging from \$15.63 to \$80.58 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$9,003. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$6,728, or \$6.80 per square foot of living area. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$90,030, or \$90.94 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the statutory level of assessment 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 equity comparables, all of which reflected sale data. They ranged in improvement assessment per square foot from \$6.19 to \$7.60. These comparables sold between May 2016 and April 2017 for sale prices ranging from \$11.81 to \$45.87 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

Neither party submitted written rebuttal.

Conclusion of Law

The appellant contends assessment inequity as a basis of 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 did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the appellant's comparable(s) #1 through #8, as well as the board of review's comparable(s) #1 through #4 based on their similarity to the subject property in location, size and age. These comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$5.52 to \$8.50 per square foot of living area. The subject's assessment of \$6.80 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed, and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not justified on this basis.

The appellant also 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 best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparable(s) #1 through #5, as well as the board of review's comparable(s) #1 through #4. These comparables were most like the subject based on a combination of size, location, age and design. They sold for prices ranging from \$11.81 to \$80.58 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$90.94 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the range established by the best comparables in this record. As such, the Board finds the appellant has proven, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the subject is overvalued 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



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: May 16, 2023



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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