



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

APPELLANT: John Hobitakis  
DOCKET NO.: 18-39194.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 13-20-328-008-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are John Hobitakis, 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:** \$4,846  
**IMPR.:** \$17,105  
**TOTAL:** \$21,951

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 1-story dwelling of frame construction with 765 square feet of living area. The dwelling is 103 years old. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement and a detached 2.5-car garage. The property has a 3,877 square foot site and is located in Chicago, Jefferson Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-02 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 a grid analysis containing four comparable sales that are located within the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 3,175 to 3,780 square feet of land area that are improved with class 2-02 dwellings of frame or masonry construction. The homes range in size from 789 to 924 square feet of living area and range in age from 67 to 95 years old. Two comparables have full unfinished basements and two

comparables have slab foundations. One comparable has central air conditioning and three comparables each have a detached 2-car garage. The comparables sold from November 2016 to June 2018 for prices ranging from \$185,000 to \$239,000 or from \$233.59 to \$264.39 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 \$21,951. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$219,510 or \$286.94 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 a grid analysis containing four comparable sales that are located within the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 4,050 to 9,000 square feet of land area that are improved with class 2-02 dwellings of frame or masonry construction. The homes range in size from 616 to 970 square feet of living area and range in age from 60 to 103 years old. Each comparable has a full unfinished basement and two comparables have a 1.5-car or a 2-car garage. The comparables sold from May 2016 to September 2018 for prices ranging from \$150,000 to \$346,000 or from \$243.51 to \$369.66 per square foot of living area, including land. The board of review's grid analysis listed the subject as selling in July 2017 for \$370,000 or \$483.66 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence the board of review requested confirmation of 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 parties submitted a total of eight comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #1, #2 and #4, as well as the board of review's comparable #1, due to their sale date occurring greater than 13 months prior to the January 1, 2018 assessment date at issue or their dissimilar slab foundation, when compared to the subject. The Board finds the parties' remaining comparables are similar to the subject in location, building classification, foundation type, size and some features. The best comparables sold from May 2017 to September 2018 for prices ranging from \$239,000 to \$346,000 or from \$258.66 to \$369.66 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$219,510 or \$286.94 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls below the range established by the best comparable sales in the record. After considering adjustments to the best comparable sales for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is supported and 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.



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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 22, 2022



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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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