



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

APPELLANT: John Shafer  
DOCKET NO.: 18-42932.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 17-06-216-041-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are John Shafer, the appellant(s), by attorney Noah J. Schmidt, of Schmidt Salzman & Moran, Ltd. 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 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:** \$17,745  
**IMPR.:** \$91,064  
**TOTAL:** \$108,809

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**ANALYSIS**

The subject property is improved with a three-story dwelling of masonry construction containing 4,044 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1888. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement. The property has a 3,900 square foot site and is located in Chicago, West Chicago Township, Cook County.

The appellant's appeal is based on assessment equity. The appellant submitted information on five comparable properties described as three-story dwellings of masonry construction that ranged in size from 3,771 to 4,900 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 1878 to 1895. Each comparable has the same neighborhood code as the subject property. Features of the comparables include either a garden-unit apartment or a full unfinished. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$50,154 to \$63,65 or from \$12.08 to \$13.43 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment is \$91,064 or \$22.52 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment to \$90,214.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's final assessment was disclosed. The board of review presented descriptions and assessment information on four comparable properties improved with either two or three-story dwellings of masonry construction that range in size from 3,110 to 3,655 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 1888 to 1906. Each has the same neighborhood code as the subject property. Features of the comparables include either a garden-unit apartment or a full

unfinished basement. These properties have improvement assessments ranging from \$72,290 to \$84,038 or from \$22.70 to \$23.63 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

After reviewing the record and considering the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal. The Board further finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is/is not warranted.

The appellant contends unequal treatment in the subject's improvement assessment as the basis of the appeal. Taxpayers who object to an assessment on the basis of lack of uniformity bear the burden of proving the disparity of assessments by clear and convincing evidence. Kankakee County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 131 Ill.2d 1 (1989); 86 Ill.Admin.Code 1910.63(e). The evidence must demonstrate a consistent pattern of assessment inequities within the assessment jurisdiction. After an analysis of the assessment data, the Board finds the appellant has not met this burden.

The Board finds the board of review comparables are the most similar to the subject in location, size, style, exterior construction, features and age. Due to their similarities to the subject, these comparables received the most weight in the Board's analysis. These comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$22.79 to \$23.63 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$22.52 per square foot of living area falls below the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record the Board finds the appellant did/did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement assessment was inequitable 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.



Chairman



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: January 17, 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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