



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

APPELLANT: Anthony O. Uwajeh  
DOCKET NO.: 18-44393.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 32-25-206-025-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Anthony O. Uwajeh, the appellant(s), by attorney Jessica Hill-Magiera, Attorney at Law in Lake Zurich; 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:** \$1,819  
**IMPR.:** \$2,436  
**TOTAL:** \$4,255

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 6,615 square foot parcel of land improved with a 58-year-old, one-story, frame, single-family building containing 1,050 square feet of building area. The property is located in Sauk Village, Bloom Township, Cook County and is classified as a class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this, the appellant submitted six comparables. The comparables are described as one-story, single-family buildings. They contain from 945 to 1,088 square feet of building area and sold from July 2017 to September 2018 for prices ranging from \$18.66 to \$31.89 per square foot of building area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment of \$4,255 which reflects a market value of \$42,550 or \$40.52 per square foot of building area.

In support of the current assessment, the board of review submitted data on four comparables. The properties are described as one-story, frame or frame and masonry, single-family buildings. They contain from 1,049 to 1,092 square feet of building area and sold from April 2016 to November 2017 for prices ranging from \$41.54 to \$45.70 per square foot of building area.

In rebuttal, the appellant submitted a letter asserting that the board of review did not object to any of the appellant's comparables and therefore they must be given the most weight. In addition, the appellant argued that the board of review's comparables do not have accurate sales information and should be given less weight. The appellant submitted the Illinois Real Estate Transfer Declarations for comparables #1 and #2 to support that these sales were not advertised on the open market. The appellant also argued that the Board fails to equalize the comparables and just reviews the raw sales data in comparing 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 that the best comparables to be the appellant's comparables #2, #3, #4, and #5 and the board of review's comparables #3 and #4. These properties sold from December 2016 to June 2018 for prices ranging from \$18.66 to \$47.70 per square foot of building area. The board of review's comparables #1 and #2 were given no weight as these sales were not listed on the open market. The remaining comparables were given less weight due to differences in size. In comparison, the subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$40.52 per square foot of building area which is within the range of these comparables. Therefore, the Board finds the appellant failed to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the subject was overvalued, and a reduction 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:

April 18, 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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