



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

APPELLANT: Jeremy Sorokas
DOCKET NO.: 18-46058.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-14-214-005-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jeremy Sorokas, the appellant(s), 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: \$4,376
IMPR.: \$15,972
TOTAL: \$20,348

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

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 3,725 square foot parcel of land improved with a 114-year-old, three-story, masonry, multi-family dwelling, containing 4,557 square feet of living area. The property is located in Chicago, West Chicago Township, Cook County and is a class 2-11 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

Appellant contends overvaluation and assessment inequity as the bases of the appeal. In support of its overvaluation argument, appellant submitted sales information of four comparable properties that sold between May 2016 and December 2018 for prices ranging between \$22.11 to \$32.80 per square foot of living area. The comparable sales properties were multi-family dwellings of either masonry or masonry and frame construction, and between 4,296 and 5,028 square feet of living area.

In support of its assessment inequity argument, appellant submitted information on four suggested equity comparables. They were each improved with either a one-story, two-story, or three-story multi-family dwelling, of masonry or masonry and frame construction. They ranged in size between 3,114 and 4,296 square feet of living area and in improvement assessment between \$0.33 and \$2.78 per square feet of living area. Based on this evidence, appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to \$10,492.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing a total assessment of \$20,348, with an improvement assessment of \$15,972, or \$3.50 per square feet of living area. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$203,480, or \$44.65 per square foot of living area when applying the level of assessment for class 2 property of 10.00% under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance. In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted four sales and four equity comparable properties.

The sales comparable properties submitted by the board of review were either two-story or three-story, multi-family dwellings of masonry construction that ranged in size between 3,768 and 4,916 square feet of living area and in age between 97 and 120 years. They sold between January 2018 and April 2019 for prices between \$205,093 and \$242,500, or \$44.82 to \$64.36 per square foot.

The equity comparable properties submitted by the board of review were three-story, multi-family dwellings of masonry construction. They ranged in size between 3,761 and 4,539 square feet of living area, in age between 110 and 127 years, and in assessment per square foot between \$3.68 and \$4.56 per square foot of living area.

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 appellant did not meet 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 sale comparables #2, #3, and #4 and board of review comparables #1 and #4. These properties were most similar to the subject property in living square footage and sold between 2016 and 2019 for prices ranging from \$22.87 to \$49.73 per square foot of living area. The subject's current assessment reflects a market value above the market value established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record, the Board finds appellant has not proven, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the subject is overvalued, and that a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The taxpayer also 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 has not met 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 appellant's comparable #2 and board of review comparables #2 and #3. These comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$0.82 to \$3.90 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$3.50 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. These comparables are most similar to the subject property in living square footage. 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.

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: March 21, 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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