



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

APPELLANT: George Kokalias
DOCKET NO.: 18-46121.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-14-308-037-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are George Kokalias, 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 **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: \$3,588
IMPR.: \$10,138
TOTAL: \$13,726

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 3,054 square foot parcel of land improved with a 115-year-old, two-story, masonry, multi-family dwelling, containing 2,514 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 November 2017 for prices ranging from \$28.16 to \$54.60 per square foot of living area. The comparable sales properties were multi-family dwellings of either masonry or frame construction, and between 2,272 and 2,793 square feet of living area. In Section II of the appeal form, appellant stated that the subject is not owner-occupied.

In support of its assessment inequity argument, appellant submitted information on six suggested equity comparables. They were each improved with a two-story, multi-family dwelling, of masonry or frame construction. They ranged in size between 2,161 and 3,101 square feet of living area and in improvement assessment between \$0.42 and \$3.91 per square feet of living area. Based on this evidence, appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to \$9,892.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" depicting a total assessed valuation of \$14,888, with an improvement assessment of \$11,300, or \$4.49 per square feet of living area. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$148,880, or \$59.22 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 comparable properties. The comparable properties were two-story, multi-family dwellings of masonry construction and ranged in size between 2,180 and 2,556 square feet of living area, in age between 105 and 120 years, and in assessment between \$4.61 and \$4.93 per square foot of living area. The board of review did not submit any comparable sales properties.

Conclusion of Law

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 meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The board of review did not submit sales comparables. The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellant's sales comparables #1, #2 and #4. These comparables were given greater weight due to their square footage of living area being closest to the subject property as well as their sale dates being more recent than appellant's sale comparable #3. These properties sold in 2017 for prices ranging between \$28.16 to \$54.60 per square foot of living area. The subject's current assessment of \$59.22 per square foot of living area reflects a market value above the market value range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record, the Board finds appellant has proven, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the subject is overvalued, and that a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted. The Board now finds the subject property to be fairly and equitably assessed.

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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