

# FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: A&A Realtors LLC DOCKET NO.: 19-04043.001-R-1 PARCEL NO.: 15-05-208-139

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are A&A Realtors LLC, the appellant, by attorney Joan Vasquez, of Property Tax Appeals, LLC in Palatine, and the Lake 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 **Lake** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$39,875 **IMPR.:** \$62,190 **TOTAL:** \$102,065

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

#### **Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Lake County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2019 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 three-story townhouse of brick exterior construction with 2,087 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2006 and is approximately 13 years old. Features include central air conditioning and a 420 square foot two-car garage. The subject property has a 1,289 square foot site and is located in Vernon Hills, Vernon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four comparable sales located within .11 of a mile from the subject. The comparables consist of three-story townhouses of brick exterior construction that range in age from 7 to 13 years old. The dwellings range in size from 2,037 to 2,276 square feet of living area and are situated on sites that range in size from 1,290 to 1,651 square feet of land area. The comparables have central air conditioning and two-car garages. The comparables sold

from March to September 2019 for prices ranging from \$275,800 to \$285,000 or from \$132.15 to \$139.91 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 \$102,065. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$310,322 or \$148.69 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the 2019 three-year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 32.89%.

In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review submitted information on five comparable sales located within .11 of a mile from the subject. The comparables consist of three-story townhouses of brick or frame and brick exterior construction that were built from 2006 to 2013. The dwellings have either 2,087 or 2,181 square feet of living area and are situated on sites ranging in size from 1,268 to 2,304 square feet of land area. Each comparable has central air conditioning and a garage with either 420 or 440 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from August 2017 to May 2019 for prices ranging from \$322,000 to \$325,000 or from \$148.10 to \$155.73 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 no reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The record contains nine comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the board of review comparable #5 as it sold in August 2017 which is less proximate in time to the January 1, 2019 assessment date as the other sales in the record.

The Board finds the best evidence of the market value to be the parties' remaining comparable sales. These comparables sold proximate in time to the assessment date at issue and are relatively similar to the subject in location, age, lot size, dwelling size and features. These comparables sold from March 2018 to September 2019 for prices ranging from \$275,800 to \$325,000 or from \$122.58 to \$155.73 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$310,322 or \$148.69 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. After considering adjustments to the comparables 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 warranted.

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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# **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:	December 21, 2021
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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 <u>PETITION AND EVIDENCE</u> 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.

# PARTIES OF RECORD

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