



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

APPELLANT: Ralph Menotti
DOCKET NO.: 19-06500.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 11-21-228-012

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Ralph Menotti, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld of Robert H. Rosenfeld and Associates, LLC in Chicago, 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: \$54,221
IMPR.: \$124,216
TOTAL: \$178,437

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 is improved with a part 1.75-story and part 1-story dwelling of brick and wood siding exterior construction containing 2,930 square feet of living area.¹ The dwelling was constructed in 1927 and is approximately 92 years old. The dwelling has an effective construction date of 1967. Features of the property include an unfinished full basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a detached garage with 672 square feet of building area. The property has a site with approximately 8,400 square feet of land area and is located in Libertyville, Libertyville Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on three equity

¹ The Board finds the best evidence of the description of the subject property was provided by the board of review which included a copy of the subject's property record card.

comparables improved with 2-story dwellings of frame or brick and frame construction ranging in size from 2,083 to 2,580 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1948 to 1973. Each property has an unfinished full basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces, and an attached or detached garage ranging in size from 280 to 528 square feet of building area. Each comparable has the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and are located from approximately .06 to .15 miles from the subject property. The improvement assessments range from \$71,028 to \$93,999 or from \$34.10 to \$36.43 per square foot of living area. The appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$105,577.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$178,437. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$124,216 or \$42.39 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables improved with 1.75-story or 2-story dwellings of wood siding, brick or brick and wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,062 to 3,641 square feet of living area. The homes were built in 1915 and 1930 but have effective dates of construction from 1956 to 1985. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one to three fireplaces, and an attached or detached garage ranging in size from 380 to 770 square feet of building area. The comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and are located from approximately .08 to .23 miles from the subject property. The improvement assessments on these properties range from \$92,479 to \$158,744 or from \$40.82 to \$51.32 per square foot of living area.

Conclusion of Law

The taxpayer 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 did not meet 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 #3 and board of review comparables #1 and #3 as the properties are improved with dwellings most similar to the subject dwelling in size. Appellant's comparable #1 differs from the subject in actual age but is similar to the subject's effective age. These three comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$93,999 to \$158,744 or from \$36.43 to \$51.32 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$124,216 or \$42.39 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. Less weight was given the remaining comparables due to differences from the subject dwelling in size. 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:

April 19, 2022



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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