



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

APPELLANT: Jimmy Adjunta  
DOCKET NO.: 19-07635.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 15-23-206-004

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jimmy Adjunta, 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:** \$62,680  
**IMPR.:** \$125,533  
**TOTAL:** \$188,213

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 tri-level dwelling of wood siding exterior construction with 2,822 square feet of living area.<sup>1</sup> The dwelling was constructed in 1958 and is 61 years old with an effective age of 1980. Features of the home include a lower level with finished area, central air conditioning, one fireplace, and an 870 square foot garage. The property has a 20,473 square foot site and is located in Lincolnshire, Vernon 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 four equity comparables with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are described as two-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 3,088 to 3,265 square feet of living area. The dwellings are 48 or 50 years old. Each

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<sup>1</sup> The Board finds the best description for style was found in the board of review's evidence.

comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces, and a garage ranging in size from 462 to 528 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$126,823 to \$133,852 or from \$40.49 to \$41.07 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$188,213. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$125,533 or \$44.48 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on five equity comparables with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables consist of two-story dwellings of wood siding or brick and wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,190 to 3,743 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 1964 to 1980 with comparable #2 having an effective age of 1981. The comparables have lower levels with three having finished area. One comparable also has a basement with a recreation room. Other features of each comparable include central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces, and a garage ranging in size from 504 to 729 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$110,489 to \$166,161 or from \$43.56 to \$56.53 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

### **Conclusion of Law**

The appellant 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 no reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted nine equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables which are dissimilar two-story dwellings when compared to the subject's tri-level design. The Board gives less weight to board of review comparable #1 due to its newer year built and to board of review comparables #2 and #4 which have dissimilar dwelling sizes when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be board of review comparables #3 and #5 which overall are more similar to the subject in location, style, age, dwelling size and features. These properties have improvement assessments of \$110,489 and \$113,514 or \$43.56 and \$46.00 per square foot of living area. The subject has an improvement assessment of \$125,533 or \$44.48 per square foot of living area, which falls between the two best comparables in the record on a per square foot basis but above on an overall basis. The subject's higher overall improvement assessment is justified when considering the subject's larger dwelling and garage sizes. Based on this evidence and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, 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:

May 17, 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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