



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

APPELLANT: Linda Taylor
DOCKET NO.: 19-08680.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 04-16-202-022

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Linda Taylor, 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 ***a reduction*** 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: \$8,542
IMPR.: \$67,750
TOTAL: \$76,292

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 one-story dwelling of brick construction with 2,273 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1989 and is approximately 30 years old. Features of the home include an unfinished full basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace and an attached garage with 572 square feet of building area. The property has a site with approximately 17,420 square feet of land area and is located in Winthrop Harbor, Benton 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 comparables improved with one-story dwellings of wood siding or brick exterior construction ranging in size from 2,197 to 2,504 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from 40 to 43 years old. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, and

an attached garage ranging in size from 484 to 704 square feet of building area. Comparables #2 and #3 have one fireplace. The comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and are located from .07 to 1.57 miles from the subject property. The improvement assessments on these properties range from \$61,081 to \$70,432 or from \$26.65 to \$29.04 per square foot of living area. The appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$63,507.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$82,886. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$74,344 or \$32.71 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted a uniformity grid analysis containing information on five equity comparables improved with one-story dwellings of vinyl siding, wood siding or brick exterior construction ranging in size from 2,265 to 2,284 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1978 to 2007. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace, and an attached garage ranging in size from 483 to 616 square feet of building area. The comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and are located from approximately .95 to 1.68 miles from the subject property. The improvement assessments on these properties range from \$67,981 to \$85,987 or from \$29.76 to \$37.76 per square foot of living area.

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 evidence in the record supports a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The record contains eight comparables submitted by the parties to support their respective positions. The Board gives less weight to appellant's comparable #2 due to differences from the subject dwelling in size. The Board gives less weight to board of review comparables #1, #2 and #5 due to differences from the subject in age. The Board gives most weight to appellant's comparables #1 and #3 as well as board of review comparables #3 and #4 as these comparables are most similar to the subject in age, size and most features. These four comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$61,081 to \$69,351 or from \$26.65 to \$30.61 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$74,344 or \$32.71 per square foot of living area is above the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is 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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