



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

APPELLANT: Adolfo Melendez
DOCKET NO.: 19-30504.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 09-29-305-004-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Adolfo Melendez, the appellant(s), by attorney Andrew S. Dziuk, of Andrew Dziuk, Esq. in Chicago; 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: \$4,468
IMPR.: \$16,724
TOTAL: \$21,192

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The 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 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 multi-level, single-family dwelling of frame and masonry construction with 1,172 square feet of living area. Features of the home include: a partial finished basement with a formal recreation room, central air conditioning and a two-car garage. The property has a 6,875 square foot site and is located in Des Plaines, Maine Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-34 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant supplied information disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$24,076 and that the subject property has an improvement assessment of \$19,608 or \$16.73 per square foot of living area. The appellant contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on four suggested equity comparables. The comparables had the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and were

located within a one-mile radius of the subject. They were improved with multi-level single-family dwellings of frame and masonry construction. The improvements ranged: in age from 51 to 60 years; in size from 1,132 to 1,348 square feet; and in improvement assessment from \$12.72 to \$13.70 per square foot of living area. The comparables had a partial finished basement with a formal recreation room and either no garage or a one-car garage.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$21,205 and an improvement assessment of \$17,252 or \$14.72 per square foot of living area. However, these figures are incorrect. A separate document, received into evidence, revealed that the board of review finalized the assessed valuation in 2019 for PIN 09-29-305-004-0000 at \$24,076, which was the figure provided by the appellant in their appeal. Within the "Board of Review Notes on Appeal," the board of review submitted information on four suggested equity comparables located within a block of the subject.

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

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the appellant's comparables #2 and #4 and the board of review's comparables #1, ##3 and #4. They had improvement assessments that ranged from \$13.31 to \$14.95 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$16.73 per square foot of living area falls above the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record, the Board finds the appellant demonstrated with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and 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:

August 22, 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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