



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

APPELLANT: John Bonkowski  
DOCKET NO.: 19-37116.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 15-27-324-002-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are John Bonkowski, the appellant(s), by attorney Amy C. Floyd, Attorney at Law 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 **No Change** 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:** \$3,685  
**IMPR.:** \$18,972  
**TOTAL:** \$22,657

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 66-year-old, one-story, single-family dwelling of masonry construction with 1,116 square feet of living area. Features of the home include: slab foundation, a fireplace and a one-car garage. The property has a 6,700 square foot site and is located in La Grange Park, Proviso Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-03 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

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. They were improved with one-story, single-family dwellings. The improvements ranged: in age from 62 to 69 years; in size from 1,368 to 1,636 square foot of living area; and in improvement assessment from \$8.00 to \$10.93 per square foot of living area. The comparables had the same neighborhood code as the subject, but proximity to the subject was not supplied. In addition, minimal data was

submitted for these same properties on a second grid sheet. Based on this evidence, the appellant is requesting an assessment amount of \$15,448.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$22,657. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$18,972 or \$17.00 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four suggested equity comparables located a ¼ mile radius of the subject with three comparables located within a block of the subject. They are improved with one-story, single-family dwellings of masonry construction. The improvements ranged: in age from 63 to 70 years; in size from 1,004 to 1,248 square feet of living area; and in assessment from \$17.14 to \$20.47 per square foot. Amenities include: either a full unfinished basement, a crawl space or a slab foundation, one with air conditioning and varying garage 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 *the appellant's comparable #4 and the board of review's comparables #1 and #2*. They had improvement assessments that ranged from \$10.93 to \$18.21 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$17.00 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. The remaining properties were accorded diminished weight due to a disparity in location, exterior construction, size and/or amenities. 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:

May 16, 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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