



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

APPELLANT: Abdel Jalil Darwish
DOCKET NO.: 19-49276.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 10-33-303-038-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Abdel Jalil Darwish, the appellant, by attorney Jessica Hill-Magiera, Attorney at Law in Lake Zurich; 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: \$11,558
IMPR.: \$60,933
TOTAL: \$72,491

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 two-story, single-family dwelling of masonry construction with 3,759 square feet of living area. The building is 55 years old. Features of the home include a partial unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a 2.5-car garage. The property has a 10,508 square foot site and is located in Lincolnwood, Niles Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-78 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on six comparable sales. The comparable properties sold between January 2018 and September 2019. The comparable properties ranged: in price between \$441,000 to \$615,000; in living area square footage between 3,040 to 3,590; and in sale price per

square foot between \$130.82 to \$174.82, including land. Based on this evidence, appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to \$59,225.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$72,491. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$724,910 or \$192.85 in market value per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the level of assessment for class 2 property of 10% under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four suggested sales comparables. All were improved with a two-story, single-family dwelling of masonry construction. The improvements ranged: in age from 30 to 61 years old; in size between 2,791 and 3,717 square feet of living area; and in sale price per square foot of \$193.16 to \$261.55, including land.

In written rebuttal, the appellant argued that the board of review's four suggested comparable properties should be given less weight because there were better comparables from which to choose. In support of this argument the appellant submitted: a grid with a side-by-side comparison of both parties comparables; a previous decision issued by the Property Tax Appeal Board identified by docket no. 16-04890.001-R-1 (Donald Taylor v. Lake County Board of Review) which had a similar fact pattern to the instant case; and a grid depicting which comparable properties from each party this Board should consider. The appellant reaffirmed the request for an assessment reduction.

Conclusion of Law

The appellant contends the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed valuation. When market value is the basis of the appeal the value of the property must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of market value may consist of an appraisal of the subject property, a recent sale, comparable sales or construction costs. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(c). 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 market value to be appellant's comparables #1 and #5 and the board of review's comparable #1. These comparables sold for prices ranging from \$130.82 to \$218.59 per square foot of living area. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$192.85 per square foot of living area which is within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. These comparables were given more weight due to their size and/or location. Based on this evidence the Board finds 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 18, 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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