

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT:Paul OsickaDOCKET NO.:19-50211.001-R-1 through 19-50211.003-R-1PARCEL NO.:See Below

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Paul Osicka, the appellant(s), by attorney George N. Reveliotis, of Reveliotis Law, P.C. in Park Ridge; and the Cook County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented in this matter, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds <u>*A Reduction*</u> 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:

| DOCKET NO | PARCEL NUMBER | LAND | IMPRVMT | TOTAL |
|------------------|--------------------|-------|---------|----------|
| 19-50211.001-R-1 | 13-01-326-025-0000 | 7,068 | 7,518 | \$14,586 |
| 19-50211.002-R-1 | 13-01-326-026-0000 | 7,068 | 15,552 | \$22,620 |
| 19-50211.003-R-1 | 13-01-326-027-0000 | 7,068 | 15,552 | \$22,620 |

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) 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 has three pin numbers and consists of a one-story, single-family residence of masonry construction with 2,815 square feet of living area. The dwelling was 66 years old as of the relevant tax year. Features of the home include a slab foundation, central air conditioning and a two-car garage. The property has a 3,720 square foot site and is located in Chicago, Jefferson Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-04 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of the market value argument, the appellant submitted four sales comparables.

Furthermore, the subject property was the subject matter of an appeal before the Property Tax Appeal Board the prior year under Docket Number 18-38158.001-R-1 through 18-38158.004-R-1. In that appeal the Property Tax Appeal Board issued a decision lowering the assessment of the subject property to \$59,826 on the evidence submitted by the parties. The tax years 2018 and 2019 are within the same general assessment period and the appellant disclosed that the subject property is an owner-occupied residence.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the subject's total assessment of \$15,851 which reflects a market value of \$158,510 or \$56.31 per square foot of building area, land included. However, these figures are incorrect. A document submitted by the appellant indicated that in 2019 the board of review finalized the assessed valuation for the PINs that are the subject of this appeal as follows: PIN 13-01-326-025-0000 at \$15,851, PIN 13-01-326-025-0000 at \$24,634 and PIN 13-01-326-027-0000 at \$24,634. These are the same amounts as listed in the appellant's evidence and different than the amount in the "Board of Review Notes on Appeal."

The subject's total assessment for PIN 13-01-326-025-0000, PIN 13-01-326-026-0000 and PIN 13-01-326-027-0000 was \$65,119 which reflects a market value of \$651,190 or \$231.33 per square foot of building area, land included, using the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance level of assessment for class 2 property of 10%.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales.

Conclusion of Law

The Property Tax Appeal Board finds that the assessment as established by the Board for the 2018 tax year should be carried forward to the tax year at issue subject only to equalization as provided by section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code.

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides, in relevant part:

If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel on which a residence occupied by the owner is situated, such reduced assessment, subject to equalization, shall remain in effect for the remainder of the general assessment period as provided in Sections 9-215 through 9-225, unless that parcel is subsequently sold in an arm's length transaction establishing a fair cash value for the parcel that is different from the fair cash value on which the Board's assessment is based, or unless the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board is reversed or modified upon review.

35 ILCS 200/16-185. Additionally, "Standard of proof. Unless otherwise provided by law or stated in the agency's rules, the standard of proof in any contested case hearing conducted under this Act by an agency shall be the preponderance of the evidence." 5 ILCS 100/10-15. The Board takes official notice that it rendered a decision lowering the subject's assessment for tax year 2019 (86 III.Admin.Code §1910.90(i)), and that tax year 2019 and the instant tax year of

2019 are in the same general assessment period for Jefferson Township. The Board further finds that the subject is owner-occupied based on the appellant's statement in the appeal form, which states that the subject is owner-occupied. The record contains no evidence indicating that the subject sold in an arm's-length transaction subsequent to the Board's decision for the 2018 tax year, or that the Board's decision for the 2018 tax year was reversed or modified upon review. For these reasons, the Board finds that the appellant has proven, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the subject's assessment should be carried forward to the 2019 tax year, pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code, to reflect the Board's decision for the 2018 tax year, plus the application of an equalization factor, if any.

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:**

<u>CERTIFICATION</u>

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 <u>PETITION AND</u> <u>EVIDENCE</u> 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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