



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

APPELLANT: Brian Booker
DOCKET NO.: 19-53456.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 30-07-101-038-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Brian Booker, the appellant, 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 **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: \$3,736
IMPR.: \$9,292
TOTAL: \$13,028

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 dwelling of frame and masonry exterior construction with 1,583 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 13 years old. Features of the home include a basement with finished area,¹ central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a 3-car garage. The property has a 9,342 square foot site and is located in Calumet City, Thornton Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-34 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 four comparable sales located within the same assessment

¹ The parties differ regarding the subject's foundation type. The appellant reported "craw" and formal recreation room and the board of review reported a partial basement with a formal recreation room. The Board find the best evidence of foundation type is found in the board of review's evidence and was not refuted by the appellant.

neighborhood code as the subject. The parcels range in size from 5,080 to 5,360 square feet of land area and are improved with class 2-34 homes of frame and masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,313 to 1,603 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from 30 to 39 years old. Each home has a basement, three of which have finished area, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a 2-car garage. The comparables sold from May 2017 to January 2019 for prices ranging from \$70,500 to \$88,000 or from \$49.30 to \$67.02 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to \$8,621.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$13,028. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$130,280 or \$82.30 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 10%. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on one comparable but did not present any sales data for this property, which the Board finds is not responsive to the appellant's market value argument. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

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 record contains four comparable sales presented by the appellant. The Board gives less weight to comparable #2, which sold less proximate in time to the assessment date than the other sales in this record. The Board finds the remaining comparables are similar to the subject in dwelling size, location, and some features, but have smaller lots than the subject and are substantially older homes than the subject, suggesting upward adjustments to these comparables would be needed to make them more equivalent to the subject. These comparables sold for prices ranging from \$70,500 to \$88,000 or from \$49.30 to \$67.02 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$130,280 or \$82.30 per square foot of living area, including land, which is above the range established by the best comparable sales in this record, but appears to be justified after considering appropriate adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, such as site size and age. 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

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: _____

July 16, 2024



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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