



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

APPELLANT: Jose Quinonez
DOCKET NO.: 20-00570.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 08-16-112-031

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jose Quinonez, the appellant, by attorney Gregory Riggs, of Tax Appeals Lake County in Lake Zurich; and the Lake 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 **Lake** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$8,307
IMPR.: \$63,421
TOTAL: \$71,728

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Lake County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2020 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 2-story, duplex dwelling of brick exterior construction with 3,128 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1930. Features of the dwelling include an unfinished basement, a fireplace and a detached 324 square foot garage. The property has a 9,010 square foot site and is located in Waukegan, Waukegan Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted a grid analysis containing five comparable sales that are located from .13 to .78 of a mile from the subject. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 7,280 to 8,950 square feet of land area that are improved with 1.5-story or 2-story, duplex dwellings containing from 2,436 to 3,466 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1927 to 1964 and have unfinished basements. Three comparables each have one or two fireplaces and four comparables have a detached garage ranging in size from 380 to 475 square feet of building area.

The comparables sold from February 2018 to February 2020 for prices ranging from \$142,000 to \$185,000 or from \$47.08 to \$59.20 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$71,728. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$215,464 or \$68.88 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2020 three-year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.29% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales that are located from .12 to .92 of a mile from the subject. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 5,370 to 12,970 square feet of land area that are improved with 1-story or 2-story, duplex dwellings containing from 2,018 to 2,944 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1920 to 1956 and have unfinished basements. Two comparables have central air conditioning and three comparables each have one or two fireplaces. The comparables have an attached and/or detached garage ranging in total size from 360 to 1,226 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from July 2019 to September 2020 for prices ranging from \$200,000 to \$235,000 or from \$72.01 to \$116.45 per square foot of living area, including land. 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 parties submitted a total of nine comparable sales for the Board's consideration, none of which are particularly similar to the subject. The Board finds the appellant's comparables have smaller sites and smaller dwellings, when compared to the subject. One of the appellant's comparables is a dissimilar 1.5-story dwelling, two differ significantly in age, two lack a fireplace and one lacks a garage. In addition, four have sale dates occurring greater than 12 months prior to the January 1, 2020 assessment date at issue. The Board also finds three of the board of review's comparables have smaller sites and each has a smaller dwelling, when compared to the subject. One of the board of review's comparables is a dissimilar 1-story dwelling, one differs significantly in age, two have central air conditioning, one lacks a fireplace, and one has much more garage space than the subject. Nevertheless, the parties' comparables sold for prices ranging from \$142,000 to \$235,000 or from \$47.08 to \$116.45 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$215,464 or \$68.88 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the parties' comparables. After considering adjustments to the comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is supported 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: September 20, 2022



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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