



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

APPELLANT: Modular-Habitat LLC
DOCKET NO.: 20-01455.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 06-17-202-007

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Modular-Habitat LLC, the appellant, by attorney Andrew J. Rukavina, of The Tax Appeal Company in Mundelein, and the Lake County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented in this matter, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds ***a reduction*** 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: \$4,659
IMPR.: \$29,879
TOTAL: \$34,538

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 one-story dwelling of frame construction with 1,124 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1984. Features of the home include a concrete slab foundation, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 276 square foot attached garage. The property has a 2,720 square foot site and is located in Round Lake, Avon Township, Lake County.

The appellant's appeal is based on overvaluation. In support of this argument the appellant completed Section IV – Recent Sale Data disclosing the subject property was purchased on April 26, 2018 for a price of \$103,750, the parties to the transaction were not related, the property was sold by the owner and the property was not advertised for sale but disclosed it was marketed through the Multiple Listing Service. To document the sale the appellant submitted a copy of the Settlement Statement which disclosed two entities were paid real estate commissions. Based on

this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to reflect the purchase price.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$35,477. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$106,570 or \$94.81 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 the value history report and the property record card for the subject. The board of review noted the 2019 market value as reflected by its assessment was less than the purchase price. For 2020 only the equalization factor was applied to the prior year' assessment resulting in an assessment of \$35,447. Based on this evidence, the board of review requests no change to 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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The Board finds the best and only evidence of market value to be the purchase of the subject property in April 2018 for a price of \$103,750. The appellant provided evidence demonstrating the sale had some elements of an arm's length transaction. The appellant completed Section IV - Recent Sale Data of the appeal disclosing the parties to the transaction were not related. In further support of the transaction the appellant submitted a copy of the settlement statement which disclosed two real estate agencies were paid commissions supporting that the subject was probably advertised through the Multiple Listing Service. The Board finds the purchase price is below the market value reflected by the assessment. The Board finds the board of review did not present any evidence to challenge the arm's length nature of the transaction or to refute the contention that the purchase price was reflective of market value. Additionally, the board of review provided no market data to support the current assessment or to demonstrate the subject's 2018 purchase price is not reflective of fair cash value. Based on this record the Board finds the subject property had a market value of \$103,750 as of January 1, 2020. Since market value has been determined the 2020 three year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.29% shall apply. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(c)(1).

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:

October 18, 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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