



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

APPELLANT: Marshall Solem
DOCKET NO.: 20-02025.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-26-216-013

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Marshall Solem, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld and Associates, LLC in Chicago; 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: \$75,272
IMPR.: \$244,207
TOTAL: \$319,479

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 two-story dwelling of wood siding exterior construction with 3,501 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2004 and is approximately 16 years old. Features of the home include a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, two fireplaces, and a garage containing 462 square feet of building area. The property has an approximately 10,000 square foot site and is located in Highland Park, Moraine Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity concerning the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables located in the same neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables consist of two-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 3,228 to 3,713 square feet of living area. The homes are 13 to 23 years old. Each dwelling has central

air conditioning, a fireplace, and a garage ranging in size from 420 to 484 square feet of building area. Each dwelling has a basement with two having finished area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$171,446 to \$201,915 or from \$46.17 to \$62.55 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced improvement assessment of \$207,924 or \$59.39 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$319,479. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$244,207 or \$69.75 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three equity comparables that are located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables consist of two-story dwellings of wood siding or stone and wood siding exterior construction that were built in 2006 or 2008, with comparable #2 having an effective age of 2009. The homes range in size from 3,070 to 4,050 square feet of living area. Each dwelling has central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces, a basement with finished area, and a garage ranging in size from 418 to 814 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$223,823 to \$278,987 or from \$68.89 to \$72.91 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence the board of review requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

Conclusion of Law

The taxpayer contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. When unequal treatment in the assessment process is the basis of the appeal, the inequity of the assessments must be proved by clear and convincing evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of unequal treatment in the assessment process should consist of documentation of the assessments for the assessment year in question of not less than three comparable properties showing the similarity, proximity and lack of distinguishing characteristics of the assessment comparables to the subject property. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(b). 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 seven equity comparables to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board has given reduced weight to appellant's comparables #2 and #4 due to their unfinished basements when compared to the subject. The Board also gives reduced weight to board of review comparable #2 due to its significantly larger dwelling size and comparable #3 due to its inground swimming pool, a feature the subject lacks.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be appellant's comparables #1 and #3 as well as board of review comparable #1, which are most similar to the subject in dwelling size, location, age, and features. These comparables had improvement assessments of \$199,318 or \$240,868 or from \$56.70 to \$70.14 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$244,207 or \$69.75 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record on a per-square-foot basis and only slightly above the range overall. Based on this record and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed 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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