

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Patrick Donoghue DOCKET NO.: 20-02531.001-R-1 PARCEL NO.: 14-31-302-031

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Patrick Donoghue, 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: \$57,547 **IMPR.:** \$164,597 **TOTAL:** \$222,144

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 brick exterior construction with 3,703 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1968 and is 52 years old. Features of the home include a basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a 575 square foot garage. The lakefront property has an approximately 21,310 square foot site and is located in Barrington, Ela Township, Lake County.

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 0.31 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 21,536 to 40,724 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 3,448 to 4,252 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from 51 to 53 years old. Each comparable has a basement, central air conditioning,

one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 462 to 909 square feet of building area. The properties sold from February 2019 to August 2020 for prices ranging from \$506,250 to \$661,250 or from \$146.82 to \$171.61 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$194,777 which reflects a market value of \$584,389 or \$157.82 per square foot of living area, land included, when applying the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$222,144. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$667,299 or \$180.21 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 response to the appellant's evidence, the board of review argued the subject property has a lakefront location and contended none of the appellant's comparables have a similar lakefront location. The board of review commented that its comparable #1 has a lakefront location like the subject.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three comparable sales located within 0.30 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 20,150 to 20,790 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of brick exterior construction that range in size from 3,454 to 3,559 square feet of living area. The homes were built in 1968 or 1969. Each comparable has a basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a garage ranging in size from 462 to 567 square feet of building area. The properties sold from December 2019 to April 2020 for prices ranging from \$670,000 to \$745,000 or from \$193.91 to \$209.33 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

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 seven comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #3 and #4 which differ from the subject in dwelling size and/or site size.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparables #1 and #2 and board of review comparables which are more similar to the subject in location, age, design, dwelling size, site size and other features. Only board of review comparable #1 has a lakefront site similar to the subject. This property sold for \$745,000 or \$209.33 per square foot of living area, land included. The best comparables sold from June 2019 to August 2020 for prices

ranging from \$506,250 to \$745,000 or from \$146.82 to \$209.33 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$667,299 or \$180.21 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. After considering appropriate adjustments to the comparables for differences from the subject, such as a lakefront site, 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.

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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.

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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 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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