

# FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Dwayne Bose DOCKET NO.: 20-03690.001-R-1 PARCEL NO.: 15-24-206-038

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Dwayne Bose, the appellant, by attorney Ronald Kingsley, of Lake County Real Estate Tax Appeal, LLC in Lake Forest; 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:** \$69,297 **IMPR.:** \$111,481 **TOTAL:** \$180,778

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 1.5-story dwelling of brick exterior construction with 2,801 square feet of living area.<sup>1</sup> The dwelling was constructed in 1974. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace, a 456 square foot garage, a 1,460 square foot patio and an inground swimming pool. The property has a 20,040 square foot site and is located in Lincolnshire, Vernon 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 0.34 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 20,038 to 20,909 square

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The parties differ as to the dwelling size of the subject property. The Board finds the best evidence of the subject's dwelling size was presented in the property record card, submitted by the board of review, which included a sketch of the subject improvements.

feet of land area and are improved with 2-story dwellings of brick and frame exterior construction that range in size from 2,930 to 3,299 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1966 to 1975. Each comparable has a basement, two with finished area, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 456 to 550 square feet of building area. The properties sold from February to September 2019 for prices ranging from \$485,000 to \$625,000 or from \$165.31 to \$189.45 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$166,993 which reflects a market value of \$501,029 or \$178.88 per square foot of living area, land included, when applying the statutory assessment level of 33.33%.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$180,778. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$543,040 or \$193.87 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 five comparable sales located within 1.25 miles from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 20,000 to 20,910 square feet of land area and are improved with 1.5-story or 2-story dwellings of brick, wood siding or brick and wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 2,565 to 3,008 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1968 to 1980. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 462 to 552 square feet of building area. Four of the comparables each have either one or two fireplaces. The properties sold from March 2019 to February 2021 for prices ranging from \$550,000 to \$605,000 or from \$194.48 to \$235.87 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 nine comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #1, #3 and #4 along with board of review comparables #1 and #4. These properties differ from the subject in having a finished basement, larger dwelling size, a location greater than one mile from the subject and/or sold in 2021, a date less proximate to the January 1, 2020 assessment date at issue than other comparable sales in the record.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the remaining comparables which are more similar to the subject in location, age, site size, dwelling size and foundation features but have varying degrees of similarity to the subject in design. Each of these best comparables also lack an inground swimming pool which the subject improvements include. These comparables

sold from March 2019 to January 2020 for prices ranging from \$485,000 to \$605,000 or from \$165.53 to \$235.87 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$543,040 or \$193.87 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. After considering adjustments to the comparables for differences from the subject, 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.

Date:	December 21, 2021
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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 <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.

# PARTIES OF RECORD

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