

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Rob Odonnell DOCKET NO.: 20-04599.001-R-1 PARCEL NO.: 14-31-203-006

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Rob Odonnell, the appellant, by attorney Eric Feldman, of Eric Feldman & Assoc. P.C. 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: \$48,881 **IMPR.:** \$177,068 **TOTAL:** \$225,949

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 dwelling of brick and wood siding exterior construction with 3,068 square feet of living area. The dwelling was built in 1971. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace, and a 780 attached square foot garage. The property has an approximately 18,100 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 five comparable sales with the same assessment neighborhood code and located within 0.48 of a mile from the subject. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 21,540 to 29,690 square feet of land area. The appellant reported that the comparables are improved with 1.5-story or 2-story dwellings of brick or brick and wood siding exterior construction ranging from 2,726 to 3,446 square feet of living area. The homes

were built from 1966 to 1972. Each comparable has an unfinished basement with one being a walkout style, central air conditioning, one fireplace, and a 420 to 552 square foot attached garage. The comparables sold from April 2019 to April 2020 for prices ranging from \$410,000 to \$568,000 or from \$140.74 to \$190.53 per square foot of living area, including land.

Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the subject's assessment be reduced to \$169,012, which would reflect a market value of \$507,087 or \$165.28 per square foot of living area, including land, when using 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 \$225,949. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$678,729 or \$221.23 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 with the same assessment neighborhood code and located within 0.40 of a mile from the subject. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 18,793 to 25,852 square feet of land area. The board of review reported that the comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of brick or brick and frame exterior construction ranging from 2,696 to 3,186 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1967 to 1971. Each comparable has an unfinished basement with one being a walkout style, central air conditioning, one fireplace, and a 462 to 616 square foot attached garage. The comparables sold from August 2020 to April 2021 for prices ranging from \$615,000 to \$762,500 or from \$218.14 to \$273.00 per square foot of living area, including land.

The board of review noted that the subject was located on the lake, as well as board of review comparables #1 and #3.

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. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #1, #4 and #5 which differ from the subject in dwelling size. The Board also gives less weight to the board of review's comparables #2, #3, and #4 which differ from the subject in dwelling size and/or have sale dates which are less proximate to the subject's January 1, 2020 assessment date than the other comparables in the record.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the parties' remaining comparables which are overall more similar to the subject in location, age, dwelling size, and features. These three comparables sold in August 2019 and August 2020 for prices ranging from \$535,000 to \$762,500 or from \$164.77 to \$273.00 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$678,729 or \$221.23 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 best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's 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.

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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:	February 21, 2023
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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.

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