

# FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Mak Repasky
DOCKET NO.: 20-05088.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 08-29-305-012

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Mak Repasky, 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 <u>no change</u> 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:** \$9,014 **IMPR.:** \$60,823 **TOTAL:** \$69,837

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 duplex of brick exterior construction with 2,560 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1977. Features of the home include a basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 528 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 8,890 square foot site and is located in Waukegan, Waukegan Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on three comparable sales located from 0.28 to 3.30 miles from the subject property. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 7,667 to 15,525 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with 1-story or 2-story dwellings ranging in size from 2,484 to 3,194 square feet of living area that were built from 1964 to 1972. Each comparable has a basement. Two comparables each have central air conditioning, one fireplace and a garage with 504 or 702 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from September 2019 to June 2020 for prices ranging from \$142,000 to \$217,000 or from \$55.47 to \$82.13 per

square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$69,837. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$209,784 or \$81.95 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 three comparable sales located within 0.32 of a mile from the subject property. The board of review comparable #1 is the same property as the appellant's comparable #1. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 9,290 to 15,520 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with 1-story or 1.5-story duplex of brick exterior construction ranging in size from 1,584 to 3,194 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in 1968 and 1969. Two comparables each has a basement, one comparable has a concrete slab foundation. Each comparable has central air conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 462 to 702 square feet of building area. Comparable #1 has a fireplace. The comparables sold from February to September 2019 for prices ranging from \$178,900 to \$217,000 or from \$67.94 to \$118.06 per square foot of living area, including land. 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 record contains five suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration, where one comparable was common to the parties. The Board has given less weight to the appellant's comparables #2 and #3, due to their distant locations from the subject being more than one mile away.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparable #1 along with the board of review comparables, which includes the common comparable. The Board finds that these comparables are most similar to the subject in location and are all duplexes, but have varying degrees of similarity in design, dwelling size, and features. The comparables sold in February and September 2019 for prices ranging from \$178,900 to \$217,000 or from \$67.94 to \$118.06 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$209,784 or \$81.95 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparable sales in the record. After considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds no reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

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.

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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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