



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

APPELLANT: Richard Barone
DOCKET NO.: 20-05205.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-32-208-015

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Richard Barone, 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: \$36,541
IMPR.: \$74,516
TOTAL: \$111,057

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 1,584 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1958. Features of the home include a concrete slab foundation, central air conditioning and a 280 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 7,750 square foot site and is located in Deerfield, West Deerfield 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 within 0.76 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range from 8,999 to 35,998 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings ranging in size from 1,392 to 1,868 square feet of living area that were built from 1958 to 1960. Each comparable has a basement, one with finished area, central air conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 240 to 484 square feet of building area. One comparable has a fireplace. The appellant reported comparable #2 was a recent rehab in 2013 based on the MLS data sheet associated with the sale. The

comparables sold from April to November 2019 for prices ranging from \$270,000 to \$355,000 or from \$179.34 to \$226.11 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 \$111,057. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$333,605 or \$210.61 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 0.68 of a mile from the subject property. The board of review's comparables #4 and #5 are the same properties as the appellant's comparables #1 and #3, respectively. The comparables have sites ranging from 6,250 to 36,000 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with 1.75-story or 2-story dwellings of brick, wood siding or brick and wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 1,200 to 1,868 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1949 to 1959. Each comparable is reported to have a basement, one of which has finished area. Three comparables each have central air conditioning. Two comparables each have one fireplace. Each comparable has a garage ranging in size from 231 to 484 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from April 2019 to December 2020 for prices ranging from \$292,500 to \$387,000 or from \$179.34 to \$322.50 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 six suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration, as two sales where common to the parties. The Board has given less weight to the appellant's comparable #1/board of review comparable #4, and the board of review comparable #3 due to their dissimilar dwelling sizes when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the remaining parties' common comparable, the appellant's comparable #2, along with the board of review comparables #1 and #2. The Board finds that these comparables are more similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, age and some features. The comparables sold from July 2019 to December 2020 for prices ranging from \$270,000 to \$355,000 or from \$193.97 to \$226.11 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$333,605 or \$210.61 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparable sales in the record. Based on this record and 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.



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:

April 18, 2023



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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