



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

APPELLANT: Lynn Johnstone
DOCKET NO.: 20-05334.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-28-107-009

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Lynn Johnstone, 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: \$52,125
IMPR.: \$76,720
TOTAL: \$128,845

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 one-story dwelling of brick and wood siding exterior construction with 1,608 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1957. Features of the home include a basement with finished area, central air conditioning and a 299 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 10,350 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 0.77 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites with either 7,344 or 10,123 square feet of land area and are improved with one-story dwellings ranging in size from 1,352 to 1,874 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in 1956 or 1957. Each comparable has a basement, central air conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 264 to 480 square feet of building area. Two

homes each have one fireplace. The properties sold from August 2018 to May 2020 for prices ranging from \$252,000 to \$445,000 or from \$181.43 to \$274.01 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$103,438 which reflects a market value of \$310,345 or \$193.00 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 \$128,845. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$387,038 or \$240.70 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 located within 0.64 of a mile from the subject property. Board of review comparable #4 is the same property as the appellant's comparable #3. The comparables have sites that range in size from 7,340 to 10,120 square feet of land area and are improved with one-story dwellings of brick exterior construction that range in size from 1,480 to 1,624 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1953 to 1957. Each comparable has a basement, with two having finished area. Each dwelling has central air conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 280 to 440 square feet of building area. Three homes each have one fireplace. The properties sold from April to December 2020 for prices ranging from \$435,000 to \$540,000 or from \$274.01 to \$364.86 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 record contains seven comparable sales for the Board's consideration, as one property was common to both parties. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables along with board of review comparables #1 and #4, including the common property, which have unfinished basements when compared to the subject's finished basement. Furthermore, appellant's comparable #1 sold in 2018, less proximate in time to the January 1, 2020 assessment date than other properties in the record.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the board of review comparables #2 and #3 which are more similar to the subject in location, age, design, dwelling size, basement finish and other features. These two best comparables sold in August and December 2020 for prices of \$435,000 and \$475,000 or for \$286.94 and \$318.79 per square foot of living area, including land, respectively. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$387,038 or \$240.70 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls below the two best comparable sales in this record. After considering appropriate adjustments to the comparables for differences from the

subject, the Board finds the subject's assessment is justified and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not 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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