



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

APPELLANT: Douglas Heasley
DOCKET NO.: 20-07131.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-32-476-011

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Douglas Heasley, the appellant, by Jessica Hill-Magiera, Attorney at Law in Lake Zurich; and the McHenry County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented in this matter, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds **A Reduction** in the assessment of the property as established by the **McHenry** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$11,771
IMPR.: \$21,892
TOTAL: \$33,663

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the McHenry 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 ranch style dwelling of brick and vinyl exterior construction with 988 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1960. Features of the home include a crawl space foundation, central air conditioning and a 2-car garage. The property has a .17 of an acre site and is located in Barrington, Nunda Township, McHenry County.

The appellant's appeal is based on overvaluation. In support of this argument, the appellant disclosed the subject property was purchased on March 18, 2019 for a price of \$101,000 and the parties to the transaction were not related. The property was sold by a realtor and advertised for sale through the Multiple Listing Service (MLS). Two items of supporting documentation were also filed which included a copy of the Settlement Statement and the MLS sheet associated with the sale. The settlement statement depicts real estate commissions were paid to two entities. The MLS data sheet depicted the property had an original asking price of \$75,000 and sold for

\$101,000 after having been on the market for 11 days. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to reflect the purchase price.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$48,257. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$144,655, land included, when using the 2020 three year average median level of assessment for McHenry County of 33.36% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review argued the 2019 purchase is not reflective of market value for the 2020 tax year because improvements were made to the property after the purchase. In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables. Based on this evidence, the board of review requests confirmation of the subject's assessment.

In rebuttal, counsel for the appellant argued that the board of review did not dispute the recent sale of the subject property and did not provide any evidence that the recent sale was not valid. The appellant argued that the sale of the subject meets the criteria of an arm's-length transaction in that it was advertised for sale and the sale was not between related parties. In addition, counsel argued the county submitted a grid of equity comparables, but the basis of the appeal is not for equity.

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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The Board finds the best and only evidence of market value to be the purchase of the subject property in March 2019 for a price of \$101,000. The appellant provided evidence demonstrating the sale had the elements of an arm's-length transaction. The appellant completed Section IV - Recent Sale Data of the appeal disclosing the parties to the transaction were not related and supporting documentation depicted that the property had been advertised on the open market with the Multiple Listing Service and it had been on the market for 11 days. In further support of the transaction the appellant submitted a copy of the Settlement Statement. The board of review provided no evidence to dispute the appellant's assertions concerning the sale and did not provide comparable market value evidence to dispute the February 2019 sale price of the subject property.

On this limited record, the Board finds the purchase price of \$101,000 is below the market value reflected by the assessment of \$144,655. The Property Tax Appeal Board finds the board of review did not present any evidence to challenge the arm's length nature of the transaction or to refute the contention that the purchase price was reflective of market value. Based on this record the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment commensurate with the appellant's request 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:

May 16, 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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