



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

APPELLANT: Vaidas Mockunas
DOCKET NO.: 20-21764.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 22-28-220-010-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Vaidas Mockunas, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld & Associates, LLC in Northbrook; and the Cook 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 **Cook** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$2,933
IMPR.: \$24,757
TOTAL: \$27,690

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Cook 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 two-story townhome with 2,006 square feet of living area of frame and masonry construction. The dwelling is approximately 19 years old. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning and a two-car garage. The property has a 4,190 square foot site and is located in Lemont, Lemont Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-95 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant through counsel contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four comparable sales located in the same neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables were improved with class 2-95 townhomes of frame and masonry exterior construction that contain 2,496 square feet of living area. The townhomes are 22 and 23 years old. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 1,987 to 14,927 square feet of land area. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a two-car garage. The comparables sold from May 2018 to

March 2020 for prices ranging from \$285,000 to \$325,000 or from \$114.18 to \$130.21 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the assessment be reduced to \$24,814.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$27,690. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$276,900 or \$138.04 per square foot of living area, including land, when using the level of assessment for class 2-79 property of 10% under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales located in the same neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables were improved with either one-story or two-story townhomes of frame and masonry exterior construction that contain either 1,331 or 1,714 square feet of living area. The dwellings are 19 and 23 years old. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 3,632 to 3,702 square feet of land area. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, and a two-car garage. Two comparables each have one fireplace. The comparables sold from May 2018 to August 2020 for prices ranging from \$249,900 to \$325,000 or from \$187.75 to \$223.89 per square foot of living area, land included. 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 eight comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparable #1 based on its larger lot size when compared to the subject. The Board gave less weight to board of review comparables #2, #3 and #4 due to their dissimilar one-story design when compared to the subject's two-story design. The Board gave reduced weight to appellant's comparable #2 as this comparable sold in May 2018, which is dated and less likely to be indicative of fair market value as of the subject's January 1, 2020, assessment date.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellant's comparables #3 and #4 along with board of review comparable #1. These comparables sold more proximate in time to the January 1, 2020, assessment date and have varying degrees of similarity in location, site size, age, dwelling size and features. These comparables sold from March 2019 to March 2020 for prices ranging from \$320,000 to \$325,000 or from \$128.21 to \$189.61 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$276,900 or \$138.04 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls below the range on a market value basis but within the range established on a price per square foot basis. Based on this evidence the Board finds 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.

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: June 18, 2024



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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