



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

APPELLANT: Geremia Balice
DOCKET NO.: 20-23920.001-R-1 through 20-23920.002-R-1
PARCEL NO.: See Below

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Geremia Balice, the appellant, by attorney Joanne Elliott, of Elliott & Associates Attorneys, PLLC in Des Plaines; 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:

| DOCKET NO | PARCEL NUMBER | LAND | IMPRVMT | TOTAL |
|------------------|--------------------|-------|---------|----------|
| 20-23920.001-R-1 | 24-17-106-009-0000 | 2,660 | 19,780 | \$22,440 |
| 20-23920.002-R-1 | 24-17-106-010-0000 | 3,511 | 19,780 | \$23,291 |

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 two parcels improved with a 3-story multi-family building of frame and masonry exterior construction that has 5,880 square feet of building area. The building is approximately 44 years old and features a concrete slab foundation. The property has a combined 7,714 square foot site and is located in Chicago Ridge, Worth Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-11 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables located in the same assessment neighborhood code and within 0.58 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with 3-story class 2-11 buildings of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 5,505 to 6,279 square feet of building area.

The buildings range in age from 25 to 42 years old. Two comparables have an unfinished basement and two comparables have either a concrete slab or crawl space foundation. Two buildings have central air conditioning and a 3-car or a 4-car garage. One property has six fireplaces. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$27,979 to \$31,168 or from \$4.67 to \$5.36 per square foot of building area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$29,929 or \$5.09 per square foot of building area.

The board of review submitted two "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" both for the subject's parcel identified as 24-17-106-009. The appellant submitted a copy of the Cook County Board of Review's final decision, disclosing the combined total assessment for the subject's two parcels of \$45,731. The appellant reported the subject property has a combined total improvement assessment of \$39,560 or \$6.73 per square foot of building area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted two grid analyses where parcel number 24-17-106-009 is presented in the column labeled "subject" and where parcel number 24-17-106-010 is presented in the column labeled "comparable #1." For ease of reference, the Board has renumbered the remaining comparables #1 through #6. The six equity comparables are located in the same assessment neighborhood code and in the subject's subarea or within ¼ of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with 2-story or 3-story class 2-11 buildings of masonry or frame and masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 5,297 to 6,000 square feet of building area. The buildings range in age from 25 to 51 years old. Two comparables have a basement, one of which has finished area and four comparables have a concrete slab foundation. One building has central air conditioning and two properties have a 2-car or a 4-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$38,088 to \$40,920 or from \$6.58 to \$7.19 per square foot of building area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

Conclusion of Law

The appellant contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. When unequal treatment in the assessment process is the basis of the appeal, the inequity of the assessments must be proved by clear and convincing evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of unequal treatment in the assessment process should consist of documentation of the assessments for the assessment year in question of not less than three comparable properties showing the similarity, proximity and lack of distinguishing characteristics of the assessment comparables to the subject property. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(b). 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 ten equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables along with board of review comparables #1, #5 and #6 which differ from the subject in age, garage amenity and/or basement foundation.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be board of review comparables #2, #3 and #4 which are nearly identical to the subject in location, age, design, building size and features. These best comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$39,393 to \$40,107 or for \$6.70 and \$6.86 per square foot of building area. The subject's improvement

assessment of \$39,560 or \$6.73 per square foot of building area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. After considering adjustments to the comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and 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: _____

May 20, 2025



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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