



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

APPELLANT: Muriel Adams
DOCKET NO.: 20-25587.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-06-407-011-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Muriel Adams, the appellant; and the Cook 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 Cook County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$8,872
IMPR.: \$58,023
TOTAL: \$66,895

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 dwelling of masonry exterior construction with 2,763 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 85 years old. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement, two fireplaces and a two-car garage. The property has an 8,450 square foot site located in Oak Park, Oak Park Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-06 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the subject's improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables located within the same neighborhood code as the subject and from 2 blocks to 8 blocks from the subject property. The comparables are improved with class 2-06 dwellings of masonry or frame and masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 2,608 to 2,866 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from 72 to 100 years old. Each

comparable has a full basement, one of which has a finished area. Two comparables each have central air conditioning, three comparables each have one or two fireplaces, and three comparables have either a two-car or a three-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$51,970 to \$61,936 or from \$19.82 to \$21.61 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$57,277 or \$20.73 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$71,868. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$62,996 or \$22.80 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables that are located within the same neighborhood code as the subject property. One comparable is also located within the same block as the subject, and three comparables are located within .25 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with class 2-06, two-story dwellings of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 2,240 to 2,753 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from 94 to 102 years old and have full unfinished basements. One comparable has central air conditioning. Each comparable has one fireplace and a two-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$64,143 to \$71,441 or from \$24.77 to \$28.64 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested that the subject's assessment be confirmed.

The appellant submitted a rebuttal critiquing the board of review evidence and asserting the appellant's comparables are more similar to the subject property in square footage of improvement and land size than the board of review comparables.

Conclusion of Law

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

The parties submitted a total of eight comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #2 and #4 as well as the board of review comparables due to their smaller dwelling size, older age, and/or lack of a garage when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the appellant's comparables #1 and #2. These comparables are more similar to the subject in design, dwelling size, age, and foundation. These two comparables have improvement assessments of \$52,038 and \$59,304 or \$19.82 and \$21.57 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of

\$62,996 or \$22.80 per square foot of living area falls above the two best comparables in this record. After considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the appellant demonstrated with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment is 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 21, 2022



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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