



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

APPELLANT: Thomas Tocalis
DOCKET NO.: 20-27826.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-28-302-020-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Thomas Tocalis, 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: \$19,080
IMPR.: \$35,200
TOTAL: \$54,280

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 2-story, multi-family building of masonry exterior construction with 2,000 square feet of building area. The building is approximately 97 years old. Features include an unfinished basement and a 2-car garage. The property has a 2,650 square foot site located in Chicago, Lake View 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 that are located within the same neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables are improved with class 2-11 buildings of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 3,134 to 3,870 square feet of building area. The buildings are 106 or 120 years old. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, and either a 2-car, a

2½-car or a 3-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$42,776 to \$60,363 or from \$13.65 to \$15.84 per square foot of building area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$29,920 or \$14.96 per square foot of building area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$54,280. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$35,200 or \$17.60 per square foot of building 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. The comparables are improved with class 2-11 buildings of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 2,471 to 3,159 square feet of building area. The buildings are from 42 to 130 years old. One comparable has a concrete slab foundation, and three comparables have basements, two of which have finished apartments. Two comparables each have each have central air conditioning and a 2-car garage, and one comparable has two fireplaces. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$43,400 to \$61,614 or from \$17.50 to \$19.50 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 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 did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted eight suggested comparables for the Board's consideration, all of which have from 24% to 94% larger building sizes relative to the subject's building size. Nevertheless, the Board gives more weight to the board of review comparables #3 and #4 which are closer in building size to the subject than the other comparables in the record. However, these comparables still require varying adjustments for differences in features to the subject property, including but not limited to their older ages, 24% larger building sizes, and lack of a garage amenity, which is a feature of the subject. These two comparables have improvement assessments of \$43,400 and \$43,780 or \$17.50 and \$17.72 per square foot of building area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$35,200 or \$17.60 per square foot of building area falls below these two most similar comparables. Based on this record and after considering adjustments to the two most similar comparables for differences when compared to 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: _____

October 15, 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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