



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

APPELLANT: John Schopp
DOCKET NO.: 20-30923.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 18-07-416-023-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are John Schopp, the appellant, by attorney Noah J. Schmidt, of Schmidt Salzman & Moran, Ltd. in Chicago; 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: \$7,246
IMPR.: \$104,295
TOTAL: \$111,541

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 stucco exterior construction with 4,846 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 13 years old. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a 2.5-car garage. The property has a 9,350 square foot site and is located in Western Springs, Lyons Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-08 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 two grid analyses with five equity comparables along with printed property characteristics sheets which provided the basement information for the comparables. For clarity in the record, the single comparable on the second grid was renumbered #5. The comparables are located in the same neighborhood

code as the subject and consist of class 2-08, two-story dwellings of frame, masonry, stucco and frame and masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 4,362 to 4,682 square feet of living area. The homes are from 16 to 57 years old. Each comparable has a partial or a full basement with two comparables having finished area, central air conditioning, from one to three fireplaces and either a 2-car, a 2.5-car or a 3-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$75,354 to \$83,057 or from \$16.75 to \$18.88 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$85,968 or \$17.74 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 \$111,541. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$104,295 or \$21.52 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 in the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables consist of class 2-08, two-story dwellings of frame, masonry or stucco exterior construction ranging in size from 4,051 to 4,270 square feet of living area. The homes are from 7 to 19 years old. Each comparable has a full basement with three comparables having finished area, central air conditioning and either a 1-car or a 2-car garage. Three comparables have from one to three fireplaces. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$103,915 to \$121,593 or from \$24.88 to \$30.02 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

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 nine suggested comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives the most weight to the appellant's comparable #3 and board of review comparable #1 which are more similar to the subject in location, exterior construction, age, dwelling size, and most features. These two comparables have improvement assessments of \$83,057 and \$114,436 or \$17.74 and \$26.80 per square foot of living area, respectively. The subject's improvement assessment of \$104,295 or \$21.52 per square foot of living area is bracketed by the two best comparables in this record. The Board gives less weight to the parties' remaining comparables due to differences in their ages and/or basement finish when compared to the subject that has an unfinished basement. Based on this evidence and after considering adjustments to the two best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the appellant did not prove by 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: _____

August 20, 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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