



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

APPELLANT: Katarzyna Chlebek
DOCKET NO.: 20-33283.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 18-25-110-013-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Katarzyna Chlebek, the appellant, by John W. Zapala, of the Law Offices of John Zapala, P.C. 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: \$3,192
IMPR.: \$16,470
TOTAL: \$19,662

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 split-level dwelling of brick exterior construction with 1,428 square feet of living area. The dwelling is 61 years old. Features of the home include a partial basement with finished area, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a two-car garage. The property has a 7,980 square foot site and is located in Bridgeview, Lyons Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-34 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 three equity comparables improved with split-level, class 2-34 dwellings of brick or stucco exterior construction that range in size from 1,486 to 1,728 square feet of living area. The homes range in age from 52 to 66 years old. Each comparable has a partial basement with two having

finished area and either a two or a two and one-half car garage. Two of the comparables have central air conditioning and one has a fireplace. The comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are located from 0.61 to 0.87 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$15,836 to \$17,985 or from \$10.41 to \$11.46 per square foot of living area. The appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$14,863.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$19,662. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$16,470 or \$11.53 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 improved with split-level, class 2-34 dwellings of brick exterior construction that range in size from 1,197 to 1,344 square feet of living area. The homes are from 57 to 61 years old. Each comparable has a partial basement with finished area and either a one, two or a two and one-half car garage. Two of the properties have central air conditioning. The comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are located within one-fourth of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$15,799 to \$16,729 or from \$11.76 to \$13.87 per square foot of living area.

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 record contains seven equity comparables submitted by the parties to support their respective positions. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparable #1 based on differences from the subject dwelling in terms of dwelling size. The Board gives less weight to the board of review's comparables #1, #2, and #3 based on differences from the subject dwelling with respect to dwelling size. The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the remaining comparables. These comparables are relatively similar to the subject dwelling in terms of size, location, and age, although adjustments to these comparables to account for differences in some features and size, would be needed to make them more equivalent to the subject. These comparables are from 52 to 66 years old, range in size from 1,344 to 1,502 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments ranging from \$15,799 to \$17,036 or from \$10.54 to \$11.76 per square foot of living area. The subject's overall improvement assessment of \$16,470 or \$11.53 per square foot of living area falls below the range established by the improvement assessments for the best comparables in the record and within the range on a per square foot basis. Based on this evidence and after considering appropriate adjustments to the best 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: 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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