



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

APPELLANT: Kathleen Barnes
DOCKET NO.: 20-35080.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 13-22-223-054-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Kathleen Barnes, the appellant, by attorney Ellen G. Berkshire, of Verros Berkshire, PC in Oakbrook Terrace, 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: \$4,960
IMPR.: \$24,040
TOTAL: \$29,000

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) 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 is improved with a one-story, single-family dwelling of masonry construction with 909 square feet of living area located in Chicago, Jefferson Township, Cook County. The building is 60 years old. Features of the dwelling include a full, unfinished basement and a two-car garage. The subject is located on a 3,100 square foot site. It is classified as a class 2-02 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends overvaluation as a basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted an appraisal estimating the subject property had a market value of \$290,000 as of August 17, 2017. The appellant also asserts assessment equity as a basis of the appeal. In support of this contention, she submitted information about four suggested equity comparables. Based on this evidence, appellant seeks a reduction in the subject's assessment to \$28,749.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$31,769. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$317,690, land included, when using the Cook County Real Estate Classification Ordinance level of assessment for class 2 property of 10%. The board of review also submitted information about four suggested equity comparables, including sales information for one of the comparables.

On June 18, 2024, the Board issued a decision in case number 19-42008.001-R-1, in which it reduced the subject property's assessment for the 2019 tax year from \$34,912 to \$29,000.

Analysis

The reduced assessment that appellant received for the 2019 tax year because of the Board's decision in case number 19-42008.001-R-1 must remain in effect for the 2020 tax year under section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code, which states in relevant part:

If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel on which a residence occupied by the owner is situated, such reduced assessment, subject to equalization, shall remain in effect for the remainder of the general assessment period as provided in Sections 9-215 through 9-225, unless that parcel is subsequently sold in an arm's length transaction establishing a fair cash value for the parcel that is different from the fair cash value on which the Board's assessment is based, or unless the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board is reversed or modified upon review.

35 ILCS 200/16-185. On June 18, 2024, the Property Tax Appeal Board issued a decision reducing the subject property's assessment for the 2019 tax year. The 2019 and 2020 assessment years are within the same general assessment period for Jefferson Township. The record contains no evidence indicating the subject property sold in an arm's length transaction after the Board's decision for the 2019 tax year. The record also contains no evidence that the Board's decision for the 2019 tax year has been reversed or modified upon review. Finally, the appellant's petition for appeal discloses that the subject is owner-occupied. Therefore, under section 16-185, the reduced assessment for 2019 must remain in effect for 2020. This means that the appellant is entitled to a reduction from \$31,967 to \$29,000.

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



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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: July 16, 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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