



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

APPELLANT: Gal Wojciech
DOCKET NO.: 20-37730.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 18-25-423-008-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Gal Wojciech, the appellant(s), by attorney George N. Reveliotis, of Reveliotis Law, P.C. in Park Ridge; 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.: \$13,849
TOTAL: \$17,041

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

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 is improved with a single-family, one-story dwelling of masonry construction containing 1,100 square feet of living area. As of the instant lien date the subject was approximately 55 years old. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement, air conditioning, and a two-car garage. The subject has a 7,980 square foot site and is in Bridgeview, Lyons Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-03 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

Appellant's appeal is based on overvaluation and assessment equity.

With respect to the overvaluation argument, Appellant submitted information on four suggested sales comparables. Three are frame construction, and one is masonry. All have air conditioning. As of the lien date, Appellant's comparables ages range from 47 to 73 years old. Appellant's

comparables range in size from 1,108 square feet to 1,256 square feet of living area. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 6,650 to 10,064 square feet of land area. The comparables sold between May 1, 2019 and September 1, 2020 for prices ranging from \$120,000 to \$165,501 or from \$95.54 to \$139.78 per square foot of living area, including land. Each comparable has the same neighborhood code as the subject property, with no further evidence of proximity to the subject provided.

With respect to the equity argument, Appellant submitted information on seven suggested comparable one- and 1.5-.1.9-story dwellings. Six are masonry construction, and one is frame. As of the lien date, Appellant's comparables ages range from 47 to 74 years old. Appellant's comparables range in size from 1,086 square feet to 1,248 square feet of living area and improvement assessments from \$6.90 to \$11.74 per square foot of living area. Each comparable has the same neighborhood code as the subject property, with proximities ranging from .12 miles to .22 miles from the subject.

The Cook County Board of Review (BOR) submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal." The subject's assessment is \$17,041 which reflects a market value of \$170,410 using the Cook County Real Estate Classification Ordinance level of assessment for class 2 property of 10%. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$154.92 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject also has a total improvement assessment of \$13,849 or \$12.59 per square foot of living area.

With respect to the overvaluation argument, the BOR submitted four sales comparables in support of its final assessment. The properties are described as one-story dwellings. All BOR comparables share the same neighborhood code as the subject, with three located in the same subarea as the subject, and one with an undisclosed proximity to the subject. They are masonry construction, and one is frame-and-masonry. Three have air conditioning. As of the lien date the BOR comparables range from 57 to 60 years old. The comparables range from 1,075 to 1,142 square feet of building area. The comparables have sites that range from 7,484 to 7,980 square feet of land area. The comparables sold between September 5, 2018 and December 16, 2020 for prices between \$257,000 and \$285,000 or \$238.22 and \$259.09 per square foot of living area, including land.

With respect to the equity argument, the BOR submitted four equity comparables in support of its final assessment. The properties are described as one-story dwellings, three located on the same block as the subject, and one within a quarter mile. All four BOR comparables share the same neighborhood code as the subject. All are masonry construction. Two have air conditioning. As of the lien date the BOR comparables range from 53 to 55 years old. The comparables are all 1,100 square feet of building area and have improvement assessments from \$13.09 to \$13.93 per square foot of building area.

Conclusions of Law

Appellant contends assessment inequity and that the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed valuation as the bases of the appeal.

Overvaluation

When market value is the basis of the appeal, the value of the property must be proven by a preponderance of the evidence. 86 Ill. Admin. Code §1910.63(e). Proof of market value may consist of an appraisal of the subject property, a recent sale, comparable sales, or construction costs. 86 Ill. Admin. Code §1910.65(c).

With respect to the overvaluation argument, the Board finds Appellant did **not** meet this burden of proof, and a reduction in the subject's assessment is **not** warranted.

The Board finds Appellant comparables 2 and 3 and BOR comparables 1 and 2 are most similar to the subject in location, size, style, exterior construction, features, age and land area. These properties also sold proximate in time to the assessment date at issue. Due to the similarities to the subject, these comparables received the most weight in the Board's analysis. The comparables sold for prices ranging from \$132,500 to \$285,000 or from \$107.03 to \$259.09 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$154.92 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. Based on this record the Board finds the appellant did **not** demonstrate by a preponderance of the evidence that the subject was overvalued, and a reduction in the subject's assessment is **not** justified.

Equity

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 Appellant did **not** meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is **not** warranted.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the BOR comparables 1, 2, and 3 and Appellant comparables 1 and 2. All five comparables have improvements similar in size to the subject; indeed, the three BOR comparables have the same improvement square footage as the subject. All five comparables are within eight years of the subject's age. Appellant comparables 1 and 2 are within .15 miles of the subject; the three BOR comparables are on the same block as the subject.

These comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$11.74 to \$13.93 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$12.59 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record.

Based on this record, the Board finds 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: _____

February 18, 2025



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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