



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

APPELLANT: Kevin Kaspers
DOCKET NO.: 20-38460.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-18-317-037-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Kevin Kaspers, the appellant(s), by attorney Nicholas Jordan, of Worsek & Vihon 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: \$14,880
IMPR.: \$114,029
TOTAL: \$128,909

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 consists of a 3,100 square foot parcel of land improved with a 1-year-old, 2-story, frame dwelling, containing 2,815 square feet of living area. The property is located in Chicago, Lake View Township, Cook County and is a class 2-78 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

Appellant contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. In support of its argument, appellant submitted information on four suggested equity comparables. Each of the comparables were improved with a 2-story dwelling of frame construction. They ranged in size between 2,654 and 2,779 square feet of living area and in improvement assessment between \$24.82 and \$33.50 per square foot of living area. Appellant also included a copy of the board of review's written decision reflecting a total valuation assessment for the subject property of \$121,345. Appellant also included a copy of the board of review's decision letter reflecting a total assessed

valuation for the subject property of \$128,909. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to \$84,748.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" depicting a total assessed valuation of \$128,909, with an improvement assessment of \$114,029, or \$40.51 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted four comparable properties. Each of the comparable properties were improved with a 2-story dwelling of frame construction. They ranged in living area square feet from 2,712 to 2,795 and in assessment from \$43.37 to \$44.35 per square foot of living area. In addition, the board of review included information in its grid analysis indicating the subject property sold in in November of 2018 for \$1,450,000 and three of its comparables sold between November of 2019 and December 2020 for prices ranging from \$1,438,000 to \$1,549,000. In its Notes on Appeal, appellant contends the subject property sold in an arm's length transaction. The board of review included copies of the Warranty Deed for the subject property.

This matter was set for hearing for January 9, 2024. Prior to hearing, the parties agreed to have the case written on the evidence previously submitted and the hearing was canceled.

Conclusion of Law

Appellant 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 appellant *has not* met 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 *appellant's comparable #2 and the board of review's comparables #1 and #2*. These comparables were most similar to subject property in living area square footage and/or age. The best comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$31.36 to \$43.42 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$40.51 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:

May 21, 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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