



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

APPELLANT: Rhonda F. McNeal
DOCKET NO.: 20-49755.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 31-13-204-011-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Rhonda F. McNeal, the appellant, by attorney Jessica Hill-Magiera, Attorney at Law in Lake Zurich; 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: \$9,056
IMPR.: \$9,944
TOTAL: \$19,000

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 vinyl/wood siding exterior construction with 2,900 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1988. Features of the home include a full basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a garage containing 726 square feet of building area. The property has a 17,250 square foot site and is located in Olympia Fields, Rich Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-78 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on three comparable sales located within .93 of a mile of the subject, one of which is in the subject's assessment neighborhood. The comparables consist of two-story class 2-78 dwellings of brick or vinyl/wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,691 to 3,719 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1989 to 1993. Each

dwelling has either a full or partial basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and garage containing either 484 or 726 square feet of building area. The parcels range in size from 15,477 to 16,711 square feet of land area. The comparables sold March 2019 to December 2020 for prices ranging from \$142,548 to \$225,000 or from \$52.97 to \$62.54 per square foot of living area, including land.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$27,760. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$277,600 or \$95.72 per square foot of living area, land included, when applying the 10% level of assessment under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance. The board of review stated that 2020 was the first year of the general assessment cycle.

Conclusion of Law

The appellant contends the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed valuation. When market value is the basis of the appeal the value of the property must be proved 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). The Board finds the appellant met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The Board finds the only evidence of market value to be the comparable sales submitted by the appellant, which are similar to the subject in age, location, dwelling size, and features. These comparables sold for prices ranging from \$142,548 to \$225,000 or from \$52.97 to \$62.54 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$277,600 or \$95.72 per square foot of living area, including land, which is above the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. Based on this evidence, and after considering adjustments to the comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is 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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