



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

APPELLANT: Marco Cozzone  
DOCKET NO.: 20-49806.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 04-27-107-004-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Marco Cozzone, the appellant, by attorney Dora Cornelio, of Schmidt Salzman & Moran, Ltd., 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 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:** \$4,267  
**IMPR.:** \$35,059  
**TOTAL:** \$39,326

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) in order to challenge 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 an owner-occupied residence.

The appellant contends the assessment of the subject property as established by the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board for the 2019 tax year should be carried forward to the 2020 tax year pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code. (35 ILCS 200/16-185). The appellant disclosed that the subject property is an owner-occupied residence that was the subject matter of an appeal before the Property Tax Appeal Board the prior year under Docket Number 19-32355.001-R-1. In that appeal, the Property Tax Appeal Board issued a decision lowering the assessment of the subject property to \$39,326 based on the evidence submitted by the parties.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$57,308. The subject has an improvement assessment of \$53,041

or \$23.10 per square foot of living area. The board of review reported that 2019 was the first year of the general assessment cycle in Northfield Township and that no equalization factor was applied. The board of review did not address the appellant's request for a "rollover" pursuant to Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) based on the decision issued by the Property Tax Appeal Board in Docket No. 19-32355.001-R-1.

Instead, the board of review submitted four equity comparables located in the same neighborhood code as the subject, two of which are in the same [tax] block as the subject and two of which are ¼ of a mile from the subject. The comparables are identical to the subject in age, dwelling size, exterior construction, basement foundation, bathroom count, central air conditioning feature, a fireplace, and a two-car garage. These four suggested comparables have improvement assessments of either \$53,041 or \$53,063 or of either \$23.10 or \$23.11 per square foot of living area. Based on the foregoing evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

### **Conclusion of Law**

The appellant raised a contention of law asserting that the assessment of the subject property as established by the Property Tax Appeal Board for the 2019 tax year should be carried forward to the 2020 tax year pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code. (35 ILCS 200/16-185). When a contention of law is raised the burden of proof is a preponderance of the evidence. (See 5 ILCS 100/10-15). The Board finds the appellant met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted as this appeal is controlled by Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code.

Therefore, the Property Tax Appeal Board gave no weight to the equity comparables presented by the board of review in this appeal.

Pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185), the Board finds the prior year's assessment should be carried forward to the 2020 tax year subject only to equalization.

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) provides in 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.

The record disclosed the subject property was the subject matter of an appeal the prior tax year under Docket Number 19-32355.001-R-1. The Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it issued a decision in the 2019 appeal lowering the assessment of the subject property to \$39,326 based on the evidence submitted by the parties. The record further indicates that the subject property is an

owner-occupied dwelling and that the 2019 and 2020 tax years are within the same general assessment period. Furthermore, the record contains no evidence indicating the subject property sold in an arm's length transaction subsequent to the Board's 2019 decision or that the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board was reversed or modified upon review. As a final point there was no showing that an equalization factor was applied to the subject's assessment in 2020. For these reasons and in compliance with section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted to reflect the Board's prior year's decision.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

December 23, 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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