



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

APPELLANT: Pankaj Shah  
DOCKET NO.: 21-01783.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 12-18-101-009

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Pankaj Shah, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld & Associates, LLC in Northbrook; and the Lake 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 **Lake** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$34,976  
**IMPR.:** \$99,274  
**TOTAL:** \$134,250

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Lake County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2021 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 2-story dwelling of brick and wood siding exterior construction with 2,266 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1995 and is approximately 26 years old. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 441 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 4,750 square foot site and is located in Lake Bluff, Shields Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on four comparable sales located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and within .43 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 4,791 to 8,106 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,266 to 2,763 square feet of living area that that are either 24 or 25 years old. The appellant reported that each comparable has a basement, two with finished area, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a garage ranging in size from 420 to 462 square feet of building

area. The comparables sold from February to August 2020 for prices ranging from \$385,000 to \$438,000 or from \$151.10 to \$169.90 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$134,250. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$403,759 or \$178.18 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2021 three-year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.25% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on five comparable sales located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and within .40 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 4,790 to 6,820 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with part 1-story and part 2-story<sup>1</sup> or 2-story dwellings of wood siding, stone and wood siding or brick and wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,061 to 2,598 square feet of living area that were built from 1994 to 1997. Each comparable has a basement, four with finished area and one of walk out design, one fireplace and a garage containing either 420 or 441 square feet of building area. Four comparables each have central air conditioning. The comparables sold from June to November 2021 for prices ranging from \$460,000 to \$480,200 or from \$184.57 to \$225.62 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

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

The parties submitted a total of nine comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board has given less weight to appellant's comparables #1, #2 and #3 along with board of review's comparables #1, #3, #4 and #5 due to their dissimilar dwelling sizes and/or basement finished when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparable #4 as well as the board of review's comparable #2. The Board finds that these two comparables are relatively similar to the subject in design, age, dwelling size, and features. These two comparables sold in August 2020 and August 2021 for prices of \$385,000 and \$465,000 or \$169.90 and \$225.62 per square foot of living area, including and. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$403,759 or \$178.19 per square foot of living area, including land, which is bracketed by the two best comparable sales in the record. Based on this record and after considering adjustments to the

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<sup>1</sup> Comparable #5 is reported to have 928 square feet of ground floor area and 2,068 square feet of above ground area indicating that the dwelling is part 1-story and part 2-story.

best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds no reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

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: January 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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