



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

APPELLANT: Michael Basofin
DOCKET NO.: 21-01912.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-07-201-026

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Michael Basofin, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld & Associates, LLC in Chicago; 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: \$24,915
IMPR.: \$199,560
TOTAL: \$224,475

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 part one-story and part two-story¹ dwelling of brick exterior construction with 2,850 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1991. Features of the home include a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a 462 square foot garage. The property has a 6,530 square foot site and is located in Lake Forest, West Deerfield Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement assessment as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on four comparables with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are

¹ The Board finds the best description of the subject property was found in the subject's property record card submitted by the board of review which contained a sketch diagram with dimensions and area calculations that disclosed second floor living area.

improved with one-story dwellings of brick exterior construction that range in size from 2,946 to 3,311 square feet of living area. The homes were built in 1991. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a 462 square foot garage. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$185,225 to \$206,256 or from \$60.83 to \$64.33 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$224,475. The subject has an improvement assessment of \$199,560 or \$70.02 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on three equity comparables with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are improved with part one-story and part two-story² dwellings of brick exterior construction with 2,850 or 2,946 square feet of living area. The homes were built in 1991. The comparables each have a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a 462 square foot garage. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$201,907 to \$206,907 or from \$69.69 to \$70.84 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

Conclusion of Law

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

The parties submitted seven equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables which are less similar in dwelling size and/or have unfinished basements when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the board of review comparables. These comparables are more similar to the subject in location, style, age, dwelling size and features. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$201,907 to \$206,907 or from \$69.69 to \$70.84 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$199,560 or \$70.02 per square foot of living area falls below the range established by the best comparables in this record on an overall basis and within the range on a square foot basis. Therefore, after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence

² The Board finds the board of review's evidence disclosed these properties have ground floor area of 1,338 or 1,586 square feet and above ground area of 2,850 or 2,946 square feet suggesting these are part-two dwellings.

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: June 27, 2023



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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