



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

APPELLANT: Thomas Young
DOCKET NO.: 21-03116.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-02-309-008

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Thomas Young, 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: \$29,862
IMPR.: \$108,047
TOTAL: \$137,909

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 wood siding exterior construction with 2,848 square feet of above ground living area.¹ The dwelling was constructed in 1988. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 1,056 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 45,797 square foot site and is located in Hawthorn Woods, Ela Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four equity

¹ The parties differ as to the lot size and dwelling size of the subject. The Board finds the best description of the subject property to be the subject's property record card submitted by the board of review, which contains a detailed schematic diagram with dimensions of the dwelling, and was not refuted by the appellant in rebuttal.

comparables² that are located within .97 of a mile from the subject property and have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of brick, frame, or brick and frame exterior construction that range in size from 2,821 to 3,225 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1987 to 1998. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 630 to 818 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$102,978 to \$112,066 or from \$32.67 to \$36.56 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 \$137,909. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$108,047 or \$37.94 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on five equity comparables that are located within .69 of a mile from the subject property and have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 2,682 to 2,988 square feet of living area. The comparables were built from 1985 to 1988. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 506 to 875 square feet of building area. Comparable #1 has an inground swimming pool. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$107,254 to \$117,684 or from \$37.72 to \$42.16 per square foot of living area.

Conclusion of Law

The taxpayer 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 information on nine suggested comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #1 and #2 which are less similar to the subject in location and/or dwelling size than other comparables in the record. The Board also gives less weight to the board of review's comparable #1 which has an inground swimming pool, unlike the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the parties' remaining comparables which are relatively similar to the subject in location, age, dwelling size, foundation type and

² The appellant provided two grid analyses with the same four comparables #1 through #4, where the second grid contains an additional comparable #5 that was marked out by the appellant and thus will not be considered in this appeal by the Board.

features. These six comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$103,142 to \$117,684 or from \$36.13 to \$40.02 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$108,047 or \$37.94 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. After considering the adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject property, the Board finds the 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: 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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