



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

APPELLANT: Bhadraraju Namburi
DOCKET NO.: 21-04016.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 11-29-315-018

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Bhadraraju Namburi, the appellant, by attorney Ronald Kingsley of Lake County Real Estate Tax Appeal, LLC in Lake Forest; 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: \$22,796
IMPR.: \$117,448
TOTAL: \$140,244

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 two-story dwelling of brick with frame exterior construction with 2,758 square feet of living area.¹ The dwelling was constructed in 2001. Features of the home include a basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 420 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 5,754 square foot site and is located in Vernon Hills, Libertyville Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on three comparable sales that have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are located within .11 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 5,412 to 7,730 square feet of land area. The

¹ The parties differ as to the exterior construction of the subject dwelling. The Board finds the photographic evidence provided by the appellant depicts the subject dwelling with a brick and frame exterior.

comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of brick with frame exterior construction containing either 2,676 or 2,758 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 2000 to 2002. The comparables each have a basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a garage with 420 or 504 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from June to December 2020 for prices ranging from \$365,000 to \$405,000 or from \$132.34 to \$151.35 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$122,259, which would reflect a market value of \$366,814 or \$133.00 per square foot of living area, including land, when using the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$140,244. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$421,786 or \$152.93 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 that have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are located within .21 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 6,770 to 10,150 square feet of land area. The board of review reported that the comparables are improved with one-story² or two-story dwellings of brick exterior construction ranging in size from 2,541 to 2,800 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1998 to 2000. The comparables each have a basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a garage ranging in size from 420 to 462 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from January 2020 to March 2022 for prices ranging from \$420,000 to \$515,000 or from \$153.21 to \$183.93 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 record contains a total of eight comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board has given less weight to board of review comparable #5 due to its sale date occurring 15 months after the lien date at issue, which is less proximate in time to the January 1, 2021 assessment date than the other sales in the record.

² The board of review's grid analysis describes comparables #2 and #3 as one-story dwellings. However, the grid analysis also indicates that these two comparables have ground floor areas of 731 square feet with above ground areas of 2,541 and 2,551 square feet, respectively, suggesting the dwellings are part two-story in design.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the parties' remaining comparables, which sold more proximate in time to the assessment date at issue and are similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, age and some features. The comparables sold from January 2020 to June 2021 for prices ranging from \$365,000 to \$515,000 or from \$132.34 to \$183.93 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$421,786 or \$152.93 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparable sales in the record. Based on this record and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds no reduction in the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its 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:

December 19, 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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