



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

APPELLANT: Shokhsanam Ergasheva  
DOCKET NO.: 21-04459.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 05-24-402-023

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Shokhsanam Ergasheva, 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 ***a reduction*** 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:** \$13,445  
**IMPR.:** \$77,060  
**TOTAL:** \$90,505

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 wood siding exterior construction with 2,506 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2002. Features of the home include a walk-out basement with finished area, central air conditioning, 3.5 bathrooms, a fireplace and a 506 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 10,018 square foot site and is located in Round Lake, Grant 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 12 equity comparables that have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are located within .87 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of frame exterior construction ranging in size from 2,474 to 2,533 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 2000 to 2004. The comparables each have a basement, ten

of which have finished area. Each comparable has central air conditioning, either 2.5 or 3.5 bathrooms and a garage ranging in size from 420 to 601 square feet of building area. Ten comparables each have a fireplace. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$67,748 to \$78,963 or from \$27.06 to \$31.92 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$74,679 or \$29.80 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$94,021. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$80,576 or \$32.15 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted two grid analysis with information on ten equity comparables that have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are located within .84 of a mile from the subject property.<sup>1</sup> The board of review comparables #6, #7 and #8 are the same properties as the appellant's comparables #2, #3 and #11, respectively.<sup>2</sup> The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,464 to 2,544 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1999 to 2003. The comparables each have a basement, five of which have finished area. Each comparable has central air conditioning, either 2.5 or 3.5 bathrooms and a garage ranging in size from 440 to 764 square feet of building area. Seven comparables each have a fireplace. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$72,079 to \$78,963 or from \$28.79 to \$31.92 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

### **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 record contains a total of 19 suggested equity comparables for the Board's consideration, as three comparables were common to the parties. The Board has given less weight to the appellant's comparables #1, #4 through #10 and #12, as well as board of review comparables #1 through #5 and #10 which differ from the subject in number of bathrooms, finished basement area and/or the basement is not a walk-out, like the subject.

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<sup>1</sup> The Board has renumbered the board of review's second set of five comparables as #6 through #10, for ease of reference.

<sup>2</sup> The board of review reported that the common comparables each have a walk-out basement and 3.5 bathrooms, which was not refuted by the appellant.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the parties' three common comparables and board of review comparable #9, which have 3.5 bathrooms and walk-out basements with finished area, like the subject and are similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, design, age and some features. These best comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$77,151 to \$78,963 or from \$30.33 to \$31.92 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$80,576 or \$32.15 per square foot of living area falls above the range established by the best comparables in the record. Based on this record and after considering adjustments to the comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds the evidence demonstrates the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed by clear and convincing evidence and a reduction in the subject's assessment is 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:

November 21, 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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