

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Praveen Kumar Sreenivasamurthyvar

DOCKET NO.: 21-04508.001-R-1 PARCEL NO.: 06-19-105-149

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Praveen Kumar Sreenivasamurthyvar, 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 <u>no change</u> 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: \$1,801 **IMPR.:** \$30,144 **TOTAL:** \$31,945

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 condominium unit that is located within a condominium building with vinyl siding exterior construction containing 944 square feet of living area. The condominium building was built in 2000. Features of the condominium unit include central air conditioning and a detached 231 square foot garage. The property is located in Round Lake Beach, Avon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the subject's improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on 12 comparable properties that are located within the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are condominium units containing 944 or 968 square feet of living area. The condominiums were built from 1999 to 2001. Eight comparables have central air conditioning, and each comparable has a 231 square foot garage. The comparables have improvement

assessments ranging from \$24,470 to \$29,759 or from \$25.92 to \$30.74 per square foot of living area.

Based on this evidence the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$28,056 or \$29.72 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 \$31,945. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$30,144 or \$31.93 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on five comparable properties that are located within the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are condominium units containing 944 square feet of living area. The condominiums were built in 2000 or 2001. Each comparable has central air conditioning and a 231 square foot garage. The comparables have improvement assessments of \$30,144 or \$31.93 per square foot of living area.

The board of review explained that the subject is a first floor condominium unit located within the Fairfield Village development, which are assessed differently than second and third floor units. The board of review's comparables are similar first floor units but the appellant's comparables are second and third floor units.

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 parties submitted a total of 17 comparable properties for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables, due to their lack of central air conditioning and/or their location on the second or third floor when compared to the subject. The Board finds the board of review's comparables are similar Fairfield Village condominium units and are identical to the subject in their first floor location, size and features. The best comparables have improvement assessments of \$30,144 or \$31.93 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$30,144 or \$31.93 per square foot of living area is identical to the best comparables in the record. Based on this record, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement is inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not 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.

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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: | July 18, 2023 |
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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 <u>PETITION AND EVIDENCE</u> 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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