



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

APPELLANT: Jacob Mathew
DOCKET NO.: 21-04774.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-05-430-007

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jacob Mathew, the appellant, by attorney Ronald Kingsley, of Lake County Real Estate Tax Appeal, LLC in Hawthorn Woods; 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: \$24,513
IMPR.: \$87,427
TOTAL: \$111,940

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 2,347 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1984. Features of the home include a slab foundation, central air conditioning and an attached 462 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 8,200 square foot site and is located in Vernon Hills, Vernon 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 are located within .56 of a mile from the subject. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 6,500 to 8,201 square feet of land area that are improved with 2-story dwellings of frame construction with 2,223 or 2,347 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in 1977 or 1979. The comparables have central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a 400 or a 462 square foot garage. The comparables

sold from February 2020 to March 2021 for prices ranging from \$300,000 to \$315,000 or from \$133.15 to \$141.70 per square foot of living area, including land. The appellant critiqued the comparables submitted to the Board and included Multiple Listing Service (MLS) information for the appellant's comparable #2 disclosing the property was rehabilitated in 2018.

Based on this evidence the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$111,940. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$336,662 or \$143.44 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 are located within .81 of a mile from the subject. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 5,500 to 9,470 square feet of land area that are improved with 2-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,170 to 2,602 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in 1977 or 1984. Four comparables have slab foundations and one comparable has a crawl-space foundation. The comparables have central air conditioning, and an attached 420 or a 462 square foot garage. Three comparables each have a fireplace and two comparables each have a metal utility shed. The comparables sold from February 2020 to November 2021 for prices ranging from \$375,000 to \$410,000 or from \$144.12 to \$174.69 per square foot of living area, including land. The board of review included MLS information disclosing the subject was purchased in November 2019 for \$337,000.

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 parties submitted a total of eight comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board finds the parties' comparables are similar to the subject in location, style, size and most features. However, seven of the comparables have older dwellings when compared to the subject. Nevertheless, the comparables sold from February 2020 to November 2021 for prices ranging from \$300,000 to \$410,000 or from \$133.15 to \$174.69 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$336,662 or \$143.44 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the comparables in the record. After considering adjustments to the comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is supported. Based on this evidence the Board finds 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.



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: March 26, 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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