



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

APPELLANT: Barbara Delance
DOCKET NO.: 21-04908.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 06-34-401-126

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Barbara Delance, 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: \$11,665
IMPR.: \$57,431
TOTAL: \$69,096

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 townhouse with vinyl siding exterior construction containing 1,680 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2006. Features of the home include a basement, that has finished area,¹ central air conditioning, and an attached 528 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 1,510 square foot site and is located in Grayslake, Avon 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 twelve equity comparables that are located within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and within .20 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with 2-story townhouses ranging in size from 1,638 to 1,696 square feet of living area. The dwellings were

¹ Some descriptive information was drawn from the subject's property record card submitted by the board of review.

built from 2004 to 2007. The comparables are reported to have unfinished basements and central air conditioning. Two comparables have a fireplace. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$47,953 to \$54,516 or from \$29.28 to \$32.45 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 \$69,096. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$57,431 or \$34.19 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on six comparable sales that are located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and within .22 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with 2-story townhouses with vinyl siding exterior construction each containing 1,680 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 2004 to 2006. The comparables have basements, each of which has finished area, central air conditioning and an attached 528 square foot garage. Five comparables have a fireplace. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$57,431 to \$57,694 or from \$34.19 to \$34.34 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 parties submitted a total of 18 equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables due to their lack of finished basement area and lack of garage feature when compared to the subject. The Board finds the board of review's comparables are nearly identical to the subject in dwelling style, age, dwelling size, garage size, and some features. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$57,431 to \$57,694 or from \$34.19 to \$34.34 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$57,431 or \$34.19 falls at the low end of the narrow range established by the best equity comparables in the record. Based on this record, the Board finds the subject's improvement in not inequitably assessed and, therefore, a reduction in the subject's improvement 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: July 18, 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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