



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

APPELLANT: Anand Bhatt
DOCKET NO.: 21-05293.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 20-14-202-016

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Anand Bhatt, the appellant; and the McLean 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 **McLean** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$14,892
IMPR.: \$46,089
TOTAL: \$60,981

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the McLean 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 one-story dwelling of vinyl siding exterior construction with 1,502 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2002 and is approximately 19 years old. Features of the home include a basement with finished area,¹ central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a garage containing 480 square feet of building area. The property has a 10,485 square foot site and is located in Bloomington, Bloomington Township, McLean County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four comparable sales located from 2.8 miles to 3.1 miles from the subject. The comparables consist of two-story dwellings of aluminum/vinyl siding exterior construction ranging in size from 1,628 to 2,250 square feet of living area. The homes are 15 to 30 years old. Each dwelling has central air conditioning, a fireplace, a basement with

¹ The Board finds the best evidence of basement finish to be the property record card submitted by the board of review, which was not refuted by the appellant.

three having finished area, and a garage ranging in size from 356 to 420 square feet of building area. The parcels range in size from 2,640 to 7,176 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from October 2020 to September 2021 for prices ranging from \$151,000 to \$190,000 or from \$75.99 to \$95.82 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced assessment of \$44,659, for an estimated market value of \$133,990 or \$89.21 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying 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 \$60,981. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$183,457 or \$122.14 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2021 three-year average median level of assessment for McLean County of 33.24% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three comparable sales located within one block of the subject. The comparables consist of one-story dwellings of vinyl siding exterior construction ranging in size from 1,468 to 1,579 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1999 to 2004. Each dwelling has central air conditioning, a basement with one having finished area, and a garage containing either 480 or 650 square feet of building area. Two comparables each have a fireplace. The parcels range in size from 6,569 to 8,921 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from May to July 2020 for prices ranging from \$179,900 to \$235,000 or from \$122.55 to \$158.04 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 parties submitted a total of seven comparable sales to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables due to differences in age, dwelling size, design, and/or location when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the board of review's comparable sales, which are similar to the subject in age, dwelling size, design, location, and most features. These most similar comparables sold for prices ranging from \$179,900 to \$235,000 or from \$122.55 to \$158.04 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$183,457 or \$122.14 per square foot of living area, including land, which is bracketed by the best comparable sales in this record overall, and below the range established by the best comparables on a per-square-foot basis. Based on this evidence and after considering

adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is not 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:

April 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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