



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

APPELLANT: Ihab Abuelenein  
DOCKET NO.: 21-07261.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 03-22-208-014

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Ihab Abuelenein, the appellant, by Jessica Hill-Magiera, Attorney at Law in Lake Zurich; and the DuPage County Board of Review.<sup>1</sup>

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 **DuPage** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$45,330  
**IMPR.:** \$95,530  
**TOTAL:** \$140,860

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the DuPage 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 frame and brick exterior construction with 2,848 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2004. Features of the home include a basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a garage containing 451 square feet of building area. The property has a 7,410 square foot site and is located in Addison, Addison Township, DuPage County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four comparable sales with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and located within .91 of a mile from the subject. These comparables are described as 2-story dwellings built from 2002 to 2008 and range in size from

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<sup>1</sup> The parties agreed to forgo the scheduled hearing on this case and have the Board issue a decision based on the evidence in the record.

2,565 to 3,188 square feet of living area. Each comparable has central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a garage ranging in size from 451 to 834 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from September 2020 to February 2021 for prices ranging from \$402,500 to \$470,000 or from \$137.99 to \$156.92 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's total assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$151,190. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$452,258 or \$158.80 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2021 three-year average median level of assessment for DuPage County of 33.43% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In response to the appellant's evidence, the board of review submitted a comparable report of the appellant's comparable sales that disclosed sites sizes ranging from 6,272 to 8,379 square feet of land area that were not reported by the appellant.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information through the township assessor on six comparable sales with same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are described as 2-story dwellings of frame, brick or brick and frame exterior construction built from 1959 to 2019. The dwellings range in size from 2,676 to 3,687 square feet of living area. The comparables have basements with three having finished area. Each comparable has central air conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 451 to 715 square feet of building area. Five comparables each have one or two fireplaces. The comparables are reported to have sites ranging in size from 11,900 to 22,500 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from January 2018 to October 2020 for prices ranging from \$410,000 to \$600,000 or from \$153.21 to \$186.27 per square foot of living area, land included. The board of review also provided a location map of both parties' comparable sales in relation to the subject property, property record cards and exterior photographs. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

In written rebuttal, counsel for the appellant contended that the board of review comparables not comparable to the subject due to differences in dwelling size, age and/or their remote 2018 sale dates. In a rebuttal grid analysis, counsel suggested that the appellant's comparables are the best comparable sales in the record and contended the subject's assessment should be reduced.

### **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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The Board finds the parties submitted ten comparables sales to support their respective positions. The Board gives less weight to the board of review comparables due to differences from the

subject dwelling in size, age, and/or their 2018 sale dates are less proximate in time to the January 1, 2021 assessment than the other sales in the record.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparables which sold proximate in time to the assessment date at issue and are relatively similar to the subject in location, age, dwelling size and some features. These comparables sold from September 2020 to February 2021 for prices ranging from \$402,500 to \$470,000 or from \$137.99 to \$156.92 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$452,258 or \$158.80 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparables sales in this record on overall market value but above the range on price per square foot. Therefore, after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences in dwelling size and features when compared to the subject, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment commensurate with the appellant's request is justified, subject to the rounding policy to the nearest \$10 increment employed by DuPage County.

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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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: June 27, 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 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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