



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

APPELLANT: Jack Genius  
DOCKET NO.: 21-24980.001-R-1 through 21-24980.002-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: See Below

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jack Genius, the appellant(s), by attorney Brian S. Maher, of Weis, DuBrock, Doody & Maher in Chicago; and the Cook County Board of Review.

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

DOCKET NO	PARCEL NUMBER	LAND	IMPRVMT	TOTAL
21-24980.001-R-1	28-23-415-034-0000	1,500	1,000	\$2,500
21-24980.002-R-1	28-23-415-035-0000	1,500	0	\$1,500

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Cook 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 two PINs. One PIN (-034) has an improvement that consists of an 81-year-old, 1.5-story, single-family dwelling of frame construction with 1,864<sup>1</sup> square feet of living area. Features of the home include an unfinished partial basement, central air conditioning, and a one-car garage. The property has a 7,500 square foot site and is located in Markham, Bremen Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a Class 2-04 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

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<sup>1</sup> The board of review indicated that the subject property had 1,955 square feet of living space. The appellant indicated that the subject property had 1,864 square feet of living space as indicated in the appraisal report. The Board finds that the appellant's description of the size of the living space is more persuasive as the appraisal report indicated that the appraiser made a personal inspection.

The appellant contends overvaluation based on a recent appraisal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted an appraisal estimating the subject property had a reconciled market value \$40,000 as of December 5, 2018. The appraiser used the sales comparison approach to value, analyzing and making adjustments to three sales comparables that were within 0.7 miles of the subject property. The appraisal was written and signed by a licensed appraiser who submitted their credentials with the report.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$11,108. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$111,080 or \$59.59 per square foot of living area<sup>2</sup>, land included, when using the 10% level of assessments for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three suggested comparables, with only two (Comparable #1 and #3) containing market value data. These comparables had varying degrees of similarity to the subject. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested that the assessment be confirmed.

Prior to a scheduled February 14, 2025, hearing before a PTAB Administrative Law Judge the parties entered into a written agreement to waive hearing and have a decision rendered based on the previously submitted evidence.

### **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 best evidence of market value to be the appraisal submitted by the appellant. The appraisal utilized the sales comparison approach and was written and signed by a licensed appraiser who submitted their credentials with the report. The appraiser used their experience and expertise to make adjustments to their data to better draw comparisons to the subject property. In contrast, the board of review's evidence contained raw, unadjusted sales figures without the benefit of expert analysis. Additionally, the board of review's comparables were more distinguishable given the type of basement and additional bathrooms, which were not adjusted for. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$111,080 which is above the appraised value of \$40,000. The Board finds the subject property had a market value of \$40,000 as of the assessment date at issue. Since market value has been established 10% level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance shall apply.

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<sup>2</sup> This calculation is using the 1,864 square foot figure, not the 1,955 square foot figure supplied by the board of review.

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



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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 21, 2026



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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