



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

APPELLANT: Alice Ann Countryman
DOCKET NO.: 21-27480.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 02-12-307-003-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Alice Ann Countryman, the appellant, by attorney Stephanie Park, of Park & Longstreet, P.C. in Inverness; and the Cook 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 **Cook** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$7,783
IMPR.: \$13,842
TOTAL: \$21,625

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 a one-story dwelling of frame and masonry exterior construction with 1,725 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 50 years old. Features of the home include two full bathrooms, a partial basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a 2.5-car garage. The property has a 12,452 square foot site and is located in Palatine, Palatine Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-03 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with regard to the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables located within the subject's assessment neighborhood. The comparables consist of one-story dwellings of masonry, frame, or masonry and frame exterior construction ranging in size from 1,590 to 1,753 square feet of living area. The homes are 61 to 64 years old. Each

dwelling has 1.5 or 2 full bathrooms, one or two fireplaces, and a 2-car or 2.5-car garage. Three comparables each have a basement and central air conditioning. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$9,564 to \$10,678 or from \$5.92 to \$6.54 per square foot of living area. The appellant submitted a copy of the final decision of the board of review disclosing the property has a total assessment of \$21,625 and an improvement assessment of \$13,842 or \$8.02 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced improvement assessment of \$10,207 or \$5.92 per square foot of living area.

The appellant filed a Motion to Default the board of review for failure to submit its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" and for its submission of an incomplete grid analysis. The board of review did not respond to the motion by the established deadline and the appellant's motion was granted.

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 Board finds the only evidence of assessment equity to be the appellant's comparables. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$9,564 to \$10,678 or from \$5.92 to \$6.54 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$13,842 or \$8.02 per square foot of living area falls above the range established by the best comparables in this record, however the Board finds this logical due to the subject's newer dwelling and/or superior bathroom count in relation to the comparables. The Board finds that, pursuant to section 1910.64(d) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board, the board of review waived objection to the appellant's Motion to Default and is found to be in default pursuant to section 1910.69(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.64(d) & §1910.69(a). The Board has examined the evidence submitted by the appellant and finds that a reduction in the assessed valuation of the subject property 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: June 27, 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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