



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

APPELLANT: John Martin
DOCKET NO.: 21-31738.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-19-124-030-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are John Martin, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld & Associates, LLC in Northbrook; 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: \$34,812
IMPR.: \$63,187
TOTAL: \$97,999

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 two-story dwelling of brick exterior construction with 2,587 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 92 years old. Features of the home include a full basement with finished area, central air conditioning, and a two-car garage. The property has a 2,785 square foot site and is located in Chicago, Lake View Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-10 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

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 four equity comparables improved with class 2-10 dwellings of brick exterior construction that range in size from 2,012 to 2,218 square feet of living area. The homes are either 118 or 123 years old. Each comparable has a full basement, central air conditioning, and either a 1.5 or 2-car garage. The

comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and have improvement assessments ranging from \$42,213 to \$44,613 or from \$19.42 to \$20.98 per square foot of living area. The appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$52,154 or \$20.16 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$97,999. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$63,187 or \$24.42 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables improved with class 2-10, two-story dwellings of brick exterior construction that range in size from 1,604 to 2,587 square feet of living area. The homes range in age from 92 to 127 years old. Each comparable has a full basement with finished area and a two-car garage, while three of the comparables have central air conditioning and one has a fireplace. The comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are located either on the same block or the "subarea" of the subject dwelling. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$49,762 to \$63,275 or from \$23.25 to \$32.42 per square foot of living area. The board of review requested confirmation of the subject's total 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 record contains eight equity comparables submitted by the parties to support their respective positions. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #2 and #3, as well as the board of review's comparables #3 and #4, due to differences from the subject with respect to dwelling size. The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the remaining comparables, which are improved with dwellings that are relatively similar to the subject in location, age, style, and features, although adjustments to these comparables to account for differences in some features, would be needed to make them more equivalent to the subject. These comparables range in size from 2,126 to 2,587 square feet of living area and are from 92 to 118 years old. Their improvement assessments range from \$43,079 to \$63,275 or from \$19.42 to \$24.46 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$63,187 or \$24.42 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. Moreover, the Board finds the single most representative comparable is located on the same block, is identical in terms of square footage, age and amenities, and has a similar improvement assessment of \$63,275 or \$24.46 per square foot of living area as the subject property. Based on this record and after considering appropriate adjustments, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and 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: _____

January 21, 2025



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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