



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

APPELLANT: Paulson Thariath
DOCKET NO.: 21-38648.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 04-08-405-005-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Paulson Thariath, the appellant, by attorney Brian P. Liston, of the Law Offices of Liston & Tsantilis, P.C. 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 **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: \$39,000
IMPR.: \$73,575
TOTAL: \$112,575

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 2-story dwelling of masonry exterior construction with 5,196 square feet of living area.¹ The home is approximately 2 years old. Features include a full basement with finished area, central air conditioning, one fireplace, four full and one half bathrooms, and a 4-car garage. The property has a 30,000 square foot site and is located in Northbrook, Northfield Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-09 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, including photographs and property information sheets, on three equity comparables that are located in the subject's

¹ The Board finds the best evidence of the subject's living area size was the property information sheet presented by the appellant which was confirmed by the board of review in its grid analysis and was not refuted by the appellant.

assessment neighborhood code. The comparables are improved with 2-story, class 2-09 dwellings of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 5,083 to 5,397 square feet of living area. The homes are either 5 or 13 years old. The comparables each have a full basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces, and a 4-car garage. The comparables have either four or five full bathrooms and either one or two half bathrooms. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$67,943 to \$79,323 or from \$12.98 to \$15.61 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$67,089 or \$12.91 per square foot of living area, when using 5,196 square feet of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$112,575. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$73,575 or \$14.16 per square foot of living area, when using 5,196 square feet of living area.

The board of review did not support any suggested equity comparables in support of its contention of the correct assessment. The board of review asserted there were limited comparables in "near proximity" to the subject's square footage and age.

Conclusion of Law

The appellant 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 were the three equity comparables submitted by the appellant for the Board's consideration. The Board finds each of these comparables to be similar to the subject in location, design, age, and dwelling size with varying degrees of similarity in bathroom count and fireplace count. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$67,943 to \$79,323 or from \$12.98 to \$15.61 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$73,575 or \$14.16 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. After considering appropriate adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, 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: _____

April 15, 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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