



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

APPELLANT: Sammy Balovski
DOCKET NO.: 21-49353.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 18-35-404-011-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Sammy Balovski, the appellant, by attorney George N. Reveliotis, of Reveliotis Law, P.C. in Park Ridge; 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: \$3,192
IMPR.: \$13,483
TOTAL: \$16,675

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 1-story dwelling of masonry exterior construction with 1,309 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 34 years old. Features of the home include a basement and a 2-car garage. The property has a 7,980 square foot site and is located in Justice, Lyons 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 overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four comparable sales located within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The parcels range in size from 8,113 to 10,640 square feet of land area and are improved with class 2-03 homes of masonry, wood, or wood and masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,144 to 1,305 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from 58 to 66 years old. Each home has a slab or a crawl space

foundation, one fireplace, and from a 1-car to a 2-car garage. Two homes have central air conditioning. The comparables sold from March to December 2020 for prices ranging from \$135,000 to \$160,000 or from \$108.53 to \$118.01 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$16,675. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$166,750 or \$127.39 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 10%. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales located within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and/or within 0.25 of a mile from the subject. The parcels range in size from 10,108 to 20,615 square feet of land area and are improved with class 2-03 homes of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,218 to 1,366 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from 44 to 65 years old. Three homes each have a crawl space foundation and one home has a basement with finished area. Two homes have central air conditioning and three comparables each have a 2-car garage. The comparables sold from December 2018 to October 2019 for prices ranging from \$183,025 to \$237,500 or from \$140.36 to \$187.16 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence the board of review requested the subject's assessment be sustained.

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.Adm.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.Adm.Code §1910.65(c). 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 a total of eight comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the board of review's comparables which sold less proximate in time to the assessment date than the other comparables in this record. The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparables, which sold more proximate in time to the assessment date and are similar to the subject in dwelling size, classification, location, site size, and some features, although these comparables are substantially older homes than the subject, suggesting upward adjustments to these comparables would be needed to make them more equivalent to the subject. These comparables sold for prices ranging from \$135,000 to \$160,000 or from \$108.53 to \$118.01 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$166,750 or \$127.39 per square foot of living area, including land, which is above the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. However, after considering appropriate adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, such as their substantially older ages compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's assessment is supported. Based on this evidence the Board finds 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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