

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Julianne Migely
DOCKET NO.: 21-56321.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 13-12-102-029-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Julianne Migely, the appellant, by attorney Eric Feldman, of Eric Feldman & Assoc. 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 <u>a reduction</u> 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: \$19,200 **IMPR.:** \$31,933 **TOTAL:** \$51,133

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 frame construction with 2,760 square feet of living area that is approximately 72 years old. The dwelling was built on a concrete slab foundation and features 2 full baths. The property has a 6,000 square foot site and is located in Chicago, Jefferson Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-06 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 five equity comparables located from .08 to .45 of a mile from the subject and within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables consist of class 2-06 dwellings of frame or masonry construction ranging in size from 2,426 to 2,784 square feet of living area and

¹ Two-or-more story residence, over 62 years of age, containing from 2,201 to 4,999 square feet of living area.

ranging in age from 65 to 92 years old. The comparables each feature either one or two full baths with two dwellings each having an additional ½ bath. Two comparables each have a fireplace, and three comparables feature either a 1-car or a 3-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$23,575 to \$37,856 or from \$8.53 to \$14.02 per square foot of living area. The appellant also submitted a brief requesting a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment to \$31,933 or \$11.57 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 \$59,468. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$40,268 or \$14.59 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 located within the same block or within ¼ or a mile from the subject and in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables consist of 2-story, class 2-06 dwellings of masonry or frame and masonry construction ranging in size from 2,371 to 3,052 square feet of living area and ranging in age from 70 to 79 years old. The comparables each feature a full basement, one finished with formal recreation room; three comparables each have central air conditioning; three dwellings have one or two fireplaces; and each comparable has a 1-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$38,410 to \$48,313 or from \$15.83 to \$16.20 per square foot of living area.

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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted a total of nine equity comparables in support of their positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board gave less weight to appellant's comparables #2, #3, and #4, along with board of review comparables as each of these properties has a 1-car or a 3-car garage, an amenity that the subject lacks. Additionally, appellant's comparable #3 and each of the board of review comparables feature a full basement, dissimilar to the subject's concrete slab foundation. On this record, the Board finds the best evidence of equity in assessment to be appellant's comparables #1 and #5 which have the same concrete slab foundation and lack a garage, like the subject, and are also similar to the subject in location, design, dwelling size, age, and other features. The two best comparables in the record have improvement assessments of \$29,115 and \$37,856 or \$10.46 and \$14.02 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$40,268 or \$14.59 per square foot of living area is higher than the best equity comparables in this record both in terms of overall improvement assessment and on a per square foot of living area basis. Based on the evidence presented in this record, the Board finds that the appellant established by clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement is inequitably assessed and, therefore, a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment commensurate with the appellant's request is 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.

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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.

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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 <u>PETITION AND EVIDENCE</u> 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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