



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

APPELLANT: Judith Aberman
DOCKET NO.: 22-01496.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-21-409-001

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Judith Aberman, the appellant, by attorney Ronald Kingsley of Lake County Real Estate Tax Appeal, LLC in Hawthorn Woods; and the Lake 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 **Lake** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$38,075
IMPR.: \$80,942
TOTAL: \$119,017

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Lake County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2022 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 brick and wood siding exterior construction with 1,403 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1967. Features of the home include a lower level, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a 440 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 7,500 square foot site and is located in Highland Park, West Deerfield Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on three comparable sales that have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are located within .89 of a mile from the subject. The comparables have sites that contain 7,301 or 9,927 square feet of land area and are improved with one-story dwellings ranging in size from 1,131 to 1,599 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1955 to 1967. Each comparable has central air conditioning and

comparable #3 has a 276 square foot garage. The comparables sold from March to June 2021 for prices ranging from \$263,250 to \$340,000 or from \$183.96 to \$278.51 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$100,071, which would reflect a market value of \$300,243 or \$214.00 per square foot of above ground living area, including land, when using the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$119,017. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$357,087 or \$254.52 per square foot of above ground living area, land included, when using the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.¹

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three comparable sales that have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are located within .84 of a mile from the subject. The comparables have sites that range in size from 7,300 to 11,620 square feet of land area and are improved with one-story dwellings of brick or brick and wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 1,418 to 1,572 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in 1953 or 1954. The comparables each have a lower level, one of which has finished area. Each comparable has central air conditioning and two comparables each have a fireplace. The comparables sold in August or November 2022 for prices ranging from \$389,000 to \$701,522 or from \$263.73 to \$446.26 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

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.Admin.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.Admin.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 six comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparable #3 due to its smaller dwelling size when compared to the subject. The Board has given reduced weight to board of review comparable #1, which appears to be an outlier due to its considerably higher sale price of \$701,522 or \$446.26 per square foot of living area, including land, when compared to the other sales in the record.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparables #1 and #2, along with board of review comparables #2 and #3, which are similar to the subject in location,

¹ Procedural rule Sec. 1910.50(c)(1) provides that in all counties other than Cook, the three-year county wide assessment level as certified by the Department of Revenue will be considered. 86 Ill.Admin.Code Sec. 1910.50(c)(1). As of the development of this Final Administrative Decision, the Department of Revenue has not published figures for tax year 2022.

dwelling size and design but have varying degrees of similarity to the subject in age and features. These most similar comparables sold from March 2021 to November 2022 for prices ranging from \$263,250 to \$418,000 or from \$183.96 to \$294.78 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$357,087 or \$254.52 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. Based on this evidence and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, 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:

February 20, 2024



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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