



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

APPELLANT: Michael Vecchione
DOCKET NO.: 22-01666.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-24-105-006

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Michael Vecchione, 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: \$66,489
IMPR.: \$59,432
TOTAL: \$125,921

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 is improved with a one-story dwelling of frame construction containing 2,069 square feet of living area. The dwelling was built in 1961. Features of the home include central air conditioning, two fireplaces and an attached garage with 780 square feet of building area. The property has a 20,038 square foot site located in Lincolnshire, Vernon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends inequity with respect to the land assessment as the basis of the appeal; the appellant is not contesting the improvement assessment. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on twelve equity comparables each improved with a single-family dwelling. The comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and are located from .33 to .90 of a mile from the subject property. These properties have sites ranging in size from 18,731 to 22,651 square feet of land area. The land assessments

range from \$39,893 to \$57,004 or from \$1.92 to \$2.65 per square foot of land area. The appellant requested the subject's land assessment be reduced to \$39,675.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$125,921. The subject property has a land assessment of \$66,489 or \$3.32 per square foot of land area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on five equity comparables each improved with a single-family dwelling. The comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and are located from .43 to .75 of a mile from the subject property. Each comparable has a site with 20,038 square feet of land area with a land assessment of \$66,489 or \$3.32 per square foot of land 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 did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The record contains seventeen comparables submitted by the parties to support their respective positions. The comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are located within .90 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have varying degrees of similarity to the subject site in size. The Board finds, however, each of the board of review comparables is identical to the subject in size, land assessment, and land assessment per square foot of land area.

The constitutional provision for uniformity of taxation and valuation does not require mathematical equality. A practical uniformity, rather than an absolute one, is the test. *Apex Motor Fuel Co. v. Barrett*, 20 Ill. 2d 395 (1960). Although the comparables presented by the parties disclosed that properties located in the same area are not all assessed at identical levels, all that the constitution requires is a practical uniformity which exists based on the evidence in this record.

Based on this record the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's land 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: 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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