



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

APPELLANT: Michael & Michiko Walker
DOCKET NO.: 22-04742.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 06-05-301-091

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Michael & Michiko Walker, the appellants, by attorney Chris D. Sarris, of Steven B. Pearlman & Associates in Chicago; 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: \$22,376
IMPR.: \$102,598
TOTAL: \$124,974

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellants timely filed the appeal from a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) 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 an owner-occupied residence located in Lake Villa, Lake Villa Township, Lake County.

The appellants contend the assessment of the subject property as established by the decision of the Board for the 2021 tax year should be carried forward to the 2022 tax year pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code. (35 ILCS 200/16-185). The appellants indicated in the appeal petition that the subject property is an owner-occupied residence. The appellants submitted a copy of a final administrative decision of the Board for the subject the prior year under Docket Number 21-08097.001-R-1, in which the Board issued a decision lowering the assessment of the subject property to \$116,094 based on the agreement of the parties. Based on this evidence, the appellants requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to \$116,094.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$124,974. The board of review disclosed 2019 was the first year of the general assessment cycle for the subject property and that an equalization factor of 1.0765 was applied to all non-farm properties in Lake Villa Township in 2022. The board of review requested the subject's assessment be sustained.

Conclusion of Law

The appellants raised a contention of law asserting that the assessment of the subject property as established by the Property Tax Appeal Board for the 2021 tax year should be carried forward to the 2022 tax year pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code. (35 ILCS 200/16-185). When a contention of law is raised the burden of proof is a preponderance of the evidence. (See 5 ILCS 100/10-15).

The Board finds, pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) no reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted. In pertinent part, section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides:

If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel on which a residence occupied by the owner is situated, such reduced assessment, subject to equalization, shall remain in effect for the remainder of the general assessment period as provided in Sections 9-215 through 9-225, unless that parcel is subsequently sold in an arm's length transaction establishing a fair cash value for the parcel that is different from the fair cash value on which the Board's assessment is based, or unless the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board is reversed or modified upon review.

The Board finds that the subject property was the subject matter of an appeal before the Property Tax Appeal Board for the 2021 tax year under Docket No. 21-08097.001-R-1 in which a decision was issued based upon the agreement of the parties reducing the subject's assessment to \$116,094. The record further disclosed the subject property is an owner-occupied dwelling. The Board also finds that the 2021 and 2022 tax years are within the same general assessment period and an equalization factor of 1.0765 was applied in Lake Villa Township in 2022. Furthermore, the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board for the 2021 tax year has not been reversed or modified upon review and there was no evidence the subject property recently sold establishing a different fair cash value. Applying section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code would result in a reduced total assessment of \$124,975, which is just above the 2022 assessment of the subject property of \$124,974. Based on this record, no reduction in the subject's assessment 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.



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: _____

December 17, 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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