



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

APPELLANT: Cathy Muskal
DOCKET NO.: 22-43108.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 03-05-312-004-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Cathy Muskal, the appellant(s); 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: \$6,928
IMPR.: \$20,647
TOTAL: \$27,575

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

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 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 single-family, one-story dwelling of frame construction containing 1,221 square feet of living area. As of the instant lien date the subject was approximately 53 years old. The subject has a partial formal recreation room basement, no air conditioning, and a one-car garage. The subject has a 7,698 square foot site and is in Buffalo Grove, Wheeling Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-03 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

Appellant's appeal is based on overvaluation, and Appellant submitted information on three suggested sales comparables Appellant describes the three comparables as having vinyl siding. All have air conditioning. As of the lien date, Appellant's comparables ages range from 51 to 53 years old. Appellant's comparables range in size from 1,221 to 1,234 square feet of living area. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 7,058 to 7,504 square feet of land area. The comparables sold between April 12, 2021 and August 16, 2022 for prices ranging from \$310,000 to

\$360,000 or from \$251.22 to \$294.84 per square foot of living area, including land. Each comparable has the same neighborhood code as the subject property, and all are .2 miles from the subject.

The Cook County Board of Review (BOR) submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal." The subject's assessment is \$27,576 which reflects a market value of \$275,760 using the Cook County Real Estate Classification Ordinance level of assessment for class 2 property of 10%. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$225.85 per square foot of living area, including land.

The BOR submitted four sales comparables in support of its final assessment. The properties are described as one-story dwellings. All BOR comparables share the same neighborhood code as the subject, all located within a quarter mile of the subject. They are frame construction. All have air conditioning. As of the lien date the BOR comparables range from 53 to 55 years old. The comparables range from 1,292 to 1,400 square feet of building area. The comparables have sites that range from 5,600 to 7,616 square feet of land area. The comparables sold between January 7, 2021 and April 28, 2021 for prices between \$342,500 and \$400,000 or \$253.57 and \$295.20 per square foot of living area, including land.

Conclusion of Law

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. *National City Bank of Michigan/Illinois v. Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board*, 331 Ill. App. 3d 1038 (3d Dist. 2002); 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 Appellant did **not** meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is **not** warranted.

The Board finds Appellant comparables 1, 2, and 3 and BOR comparable 2 are most similar to the subject in location, size, style, exterior construction, features, age and land area. These properties also sold proximate in time to the assessment date at issue. Due to the similarities to the subject, these comparables received the most weight in the Board's analysis. The comparables sold for prices ranging from \$310,000 to \$360,000 or from \$251.22 to \$294.18 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$225.85 per square foot of living area, including land, which is below the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. Based on this record the Board finds the appellant did **not** demonstrate by a preponderance of the evidence that the subject was overvalued, 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

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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.

Date: _____

March 18, 2025

Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

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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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