FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Syed Shahabuddin
DOCKET NO.: 22-47292.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 10-23-319-001-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Syed Shahabuddin, the appellant, by Dora Cornelio, attorney-at-law of Schmidt Salzman & Moran, Ltd. 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 ***A Reduction*** 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:	$7,786
IMPR.:	$18,500
TOTAL:	$26,286

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 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 and masonry exterior construction that contains 1,000 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 68 years old. Features of the property include a full basement, central air conditioning, one bathroom, and a 2-car garage.[1] The property has a 5,694 square foot site located in Skokie, Niles Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-03 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends inequity regarding the improvement assessment as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on five equity

[1] The appellant indicated the subject has a full basement with a recreation room while the board of review indicated the subject has a full unfinished basement. Neither party submitted documentation to support their description of the subject's basement finish.

comparables composed of class 2-03 properties improved with one-story dwellings of masonry or frame and masonry exterior construction that range in size from 1,001 to 1,015 square feet of living area. The homes range in age from 70 to 73 years old. Four comparables have full basements with two having finished area and one comparable has a slab foundation. The comparables have 1 or 1½ bathrooms and a 1-car or 2-car garage. One comparable has central air conditioning and two comparables each have one fireplace. The comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. Their improvement assessments range from $15,632 to $19,059 or from $15.62 to $18.98 per square foot of living area. The appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to $16,800.

The appellant submitted a copy of the final decision of the board of review disclosing the subject had a total assessment of $30,646. The subject has an improvement assessment of $22,960 or $22.96 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" and information on four equity comparables consisting of class 2-03 properties improved with one-story dwellings of masonry exterior construction that range in size from 1,100 to 1,242 square feet of living area. The homes range in age from 61 to 67 years old. Each comparable has a full basement with three having finished area, central air conditioning, and 1 or 1½ bathrooms. Three comparables have a 2-car garage. These properties have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and are located in the same block or ¼ of a mile from the subject property. Their improvement assessments range from $26,859 to $30,439 or from $23.05 to $24.51 per square foot of living area.

Conclusion of Law

The appellant 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 information on nine equity comparables with the same classification code and neighborhood code as the subject property to support their respective positions. The comparables are similar to the subject in age and style. The Board finds, however, the best evidence of assessment equity to be the appellant's comparables that are more similar to the subject dwelling in size than are the comparables submitted by the board of review that are from approximately 10% to 24% larger than the subject home. The appellant's comparables have varying degrees of similarity to the subject in features that would require adjustments to make them more equivalent to the subject property. Nevertheless, the appellant's comparables have improvement assessments that range from $15,632 to $19,059 or from $15.62 to $18.98 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of $22,960 or $22.96 per square foot of living area falls above the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record the Board finds the appellant demonstrated with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment is 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:

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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: October 21, 2025

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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