



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

APPELLANT: Anna Szkarlat
DOCKET NO.: 22-49931.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 19-34-302-053-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Anna Szkarlat, the appellant, by attorney Dora Cornelio, 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 **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: \$3,541
IMPR.: \$16,458
TOTAL: \$19,999

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 consists of a 1-story dwelling of masonry exterior construction with 1,302 square feet of living area. The home is approximately 63 years old. Features include a full basement with finished area,¹ 1.5 bathrooms, central air conditioning, and a 2-car garage. The property has a 4,166 square foot site and is located in Chicago, Lake 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 assessment inequity with respect to the improvement as the basis of appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on five equity

¹ The parties disagree as to the subject's basement finish with the appellant reporting a full basement with finished area while the board of review reports it to be unfinished. Due to this limited record, the Board finds the best evidence of the subject's foundation to be Section III of the appeal petition which is supported by the appellant's grid analysis.

comparables with different assessment neighborhood codes than the subject. The evidence also includes property characteristics printouts from the Cook County Assessor's Office which were analyzed to verify/update data in the Section V grid analysis. The comparables are improved with 1-story or 1.5-story, class 2-03 dwellings of frame or masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,128 to 1,793 square feet of living area. The homes range in age from 63 to 117 years old. Each comparable has a full basement with finished area and 1 or 1.5 bathrooms. One comparable has central air conditioning and a fireplace. Four comparables each have a 2-car or a 3-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$194 to \$239 or from \$0.13 to \$0.17 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the improvement assessment be reduced.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal." The appellant submitted a copy of the final decision disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$19,999. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$16,458 or \$12.64 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and located on the same tax block and/or street as the subject property. The comparables are improved with 1-story, class 2-03 dwellings of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,224 to 1,296 square feet of living area. The homes are either 62 or 63 years old. Each comparable has a full basement, two of which have finished area, 1 or 1.5 bathrooms, and a 2-car garage. Three comparables each have central air conditioning. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$16,458 to \$17,467 or from \$12.70 to \$14.27 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested that the subject's assessment be confirmed.

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 did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted nine suggested comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables which are each located in a different neighborhood code than the subject. These comparables also present other substantial disparities from the subject, including, but not limited to age, dwelling size, lack of central air conditioning, and/or garage amenity. The board also gives less weight to board of review comparable #4 which lacks central air conditioning

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the board of review comparables #1, #2 which are overall more similar to the subject in location (same tax block and/or street), design/class, age, dwelling size, and most features. These comparables have improvement

assessments ranging from \$16,458 to \$17,467 or from \$12.70 to \$14.27 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$16,458 or \$12.64 per square foot of living area matches board of review comparable #4 which sets the lower limit of the overall range established by the best comparables in this record and below the range on a per square foot basis. After considering appropriate adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds the subject's improvement is supported and a reduction 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

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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: July 15, 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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