



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

APPELLANT: Courtney Hollowell  
DOCKET NO.: 23-00432.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 16-24-308-006

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Courtney Hollowell, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld & Associates, LLC in Northbrook; 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:** \$113,928  
**IMPR.:** \$323,560  
**TOTAL:** \$437,488

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 2023 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 2-story dwelling of stucco exterior construction with 4,220 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1923, is 100 years old, and has an effective age of 1973.<sup>1</sup> Features of the home include a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, two fireplaces, and a garage containing 592 square feet of building area. The property has a 22,360 square foot site and is located in Highland Park, Moraine Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four comparable sales located within .87 of a mile of the subject and within the subject's assessment neighborhood. The comparables consist of 2-story or

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<sup>1</sup> Additional details not reported by the appellant were drawn from the subject's property record card submitted by the board of review, which was not refuted by the appellant in rebuttal.

2.5-story dwellings of brick exterior construction ranging in size from 2,900 to 5,178 square feet of living area. The homes are 20 to 100 years old. Each dwelling has one or two fireplaces, a basement with three having finished area, and a garage ranging in size from 576 to 1,196 square feet of building area. Three comparables have central air conditioning and comparable #3 has an inground swimming pool. The parcels range in size from 21,370 to 41,540 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from April 2022 to March 2023 for prices ranging from \$880,000 to \$1,500,000 or from \$272.47 to \$303.45 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced assessment of \$407,550, for an estimated market value of \$1,222,772 or \$289.76 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$437,488. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$1,312,595 or \$311.04 per square foot of living area, land included, when applying the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.<sup>2</sup>

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales located within .58 of a mile of the subject and within the subject's assessment neighborhood. The comparables consist of 2-story or 2.5-story dwellings of brick, stucco, or Dryvit exterior construction ranging in size from 3,553 to 4,825 square feet of living area. The dwellings are 69 to 113 years old. Each dwelling has central air conditioning, two fireplaces, a basement with finished area, and a garage ranging in size from 393 to 1,123 square feet of building area. Comparable #2 has an inground swimming pool. The parcels range in size from 15,165 to 36,492 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from September 2021 to May 2023 for prices ranging from \$1,275,000 to \$1,800,000 or from \$284.47 to \$383.06 per square foot of living area, including land.

The board of review also submitted a grid of the appellant's comparables noting the differences in dwelling size compared to the subject, as well as evidence of a \$165,000 interior remodeling permit issued for appellant comparable #3.

Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

### **Conclusion of Law**

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

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<sup>2</sup> Procedural rule Sec. 1910.50(c)(1) provides that in all counties other than Cook, the three-year county wide assessment level as certified by the Department of Revenue will be considered. 86 Ill. Admin. Code §1910.50(c)(1). Prior to the drafting of this decision, the Department of Revenue has yet to publish figures for tax year 2023.

The parties submitted a total of eight comparable sales to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #1 and #4, which differ from the subject in age, dwelling size, and/or basement finish. The Board also gives reduced weight to board of review comparable #3, which sold less proximate to the January 1, 2023 assessment date at issue in this appeal.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellant comparable sales #2 and #3 along with the board of review's comparable sales #1, #2, and #4, which sold proximate to the assessment date at issue and have varying degrees of similarity to the subject. These most similar comparables sold from April 2022 to May 2023 for prices ranging from \$1,300,000 to \$1,800,000 or from \$289.69 to \$383.06 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$1,312,595 or \$311.04 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. Based on this evidence and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds 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:

August 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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