



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

APPELLANT: Sophia Domnenko
DOCKET NO.: 23-00724.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-26-400-019

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Sophia Domnenko, 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: \$81,660
IMPR.: \$75,816
TOTAL: \$157,476

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 split-level style dwelling of brick and frame exterior construction with 1,354 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1963 and is approximately 60 years old. Features of the home include a full basement with finished area, central air conditioning, a fireplace, a 684 square foot attached garage, and a 970 square foot detached garage. The property has an 84,506 square foot site and is located in Riverwoods, Vernon 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 improved with three, two-story dwellings and one, one and one-half story dwelling of brick or frame exterior construction that range in size from 2,285 to 2,704 square feet of living area. The homes are from 49 to 60 years old and have sites ranging in size from 33,540 to 50,050 square feet of land area. Each

comparable has a full basement, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces, and a garage ranging in size from 528 to 1,400 square feet of building area. One comparable also has an in-ground swimming pool. The comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are located from 1.02 to 1.56 miles from the subject property. The sales occurred from February to November 2022 for prices ranging from \$512,000 to \$753,500 or from \$189.35 to \$329.76 per square foot of living area, including land. The appellant requested the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$122,639.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$157,476. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$472,475 or \$348.95 per square foot of living area, land included, when applying the statutory level of assessments of 33.33%.¹

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three comparable sales improved with split-level style dwellings of frame or brick and frame exterior construction that range in size from 1,387 to 2,240 square feet of living area. The homes were constructed from 1956 to 1968 and have sites ranging in size from 43,402 to 84,196 square feet of land area. Each comparable has a full or partial basement with finished area, central air conditioning, and a garage ranging in size from 399 to 836 square feet of building area. Two of the comparables also have a fireplace. The comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are located from 0.91 to 1.19 miles from the subject property. The sales occurred from June 2021 to May 2022 for prices ranging from \$517,500 to \$710,000 or from \$316.96 to \$436.03 per square foot of living area, including land.

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.

The record contains a total of seven comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables due to differences from the subject in terms of style of construction, dwelling size and/or amenities. The Board gives less weight to the board of review's comparable #2 based on differences from the subject dwelling with respect to dwelling size. The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the board of review's comparables #1 and #3, which are improved with dwellings that are relatively similar to the subject in age, style, and features, although adjustments to these comparables to account for differences in some features, would be needed to make them more equivalent to the subject. These most similar comparables sold in May 2022 and June 2021 for \$517,500 and \$685,000 or

¹ Section 1910.50(c)(1) of the Board's procedural rules 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 Section 1910.50(c)(1). As of the development of this Final Administrative Decision, the Department of Revenue has not published figures for the tax year 2023.

\$373.11 and \$436.03 per square foot of living area, including land, respectively. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$472,475 or \$348.95 per square foot of living area, land included, which falls below the sales prices established by the best comparable sales in this record on both an overall market value basis and a per square foot basis. Based on this evidence 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: _____

September 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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