



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

APPELLANT: Hawk Properties, Inc
DOCKET NO.: 23-04239.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 02-17.0-316-010

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Hawk Properties, Inc, the appellant, by attorney Doug Stewart, of Stewart Law Group in Fairview Heights; and the St. Clair 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 **St. Clair** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$384
IMPR.: \$3,978
TOTAL: \$4,362

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the St. Clair 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 1-story dwelling of masonry exterior construction with 1,119 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1925. Features of the home include a basement, central air conditioning, and a fireplace. The property has a 4,875 square foot site and is located in East St. Louis, East St. Louis Township, St. Clair County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on three comparable sales located 1.2 or 2.8 miles from the subject. The parcels range in size from 4,792 to 9,504 square feet of land area and are improved with 1-story homes of frame or masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 768 to 1,620 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1910 to 1926. Two homes each have a basement and one comparable has a 396 square foot garage. The comparables sold from

September 2022 to June 2023 for prices ranging from \$6,000 to \$12,187 or from \$7.52 to \$8.33 per square foot of living area, including land.

The appellant submitted a copy of the final decision of the board of review disclosing the property has a total equalized assessment of \$10,501 which would reflect a market value of \$31,506 or \$28.16 per square foot of living area, land included, when applying the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.

Based on this evidence the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review did not submit its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" nor any evidence in support of its assessed valuation of the subject property and was found in default by a letter issued on November 7, 2024.

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.Adm.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.Adm.Code §1910.65(c). The Board finds the appellant met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The Board finds the only evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparables. These comparables present varying degrees of similarity to the subject and sold for prices ranging from \$6,000 to \$12,187 or from \$7.52 to \$8.33 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$31,506 or \$28.16 per square foot of living area, land included, which falls above the range established by the only comparables in this record. After considering appropriate adjustments to the comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds the subject's assessment is excessive. The board of review did not submit any evidence in support of its assessment of the subject property as required by section 1910.40(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board and is found to be in default pursuant to section 1910.69(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. 86 Ill.Adm.Code §1910.40(a) & §1910.69(a). On this limited record, the Board has examined the evidence submitted by the appellant and finds that a reduction in the assessed valuation of the subject property 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: _____

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

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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