



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

APPELLANT: Vince Marotta
DOCKET NO.: 23-25182.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-06-102-031-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Vince Marotta, the appellant(s), by attorney Francis W. O'Malley, of Worsek & Vihon LLP 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: \$11,583
IMPR.: \$71,417
TOTAL: \$83,000

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 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 an approximately 69-year-old, owner-occupied, two-story dwelling of masonry construction with 4,148¹ square feet of living area. Features of the home include a full basement, central air conditioning and a two-car garage. The property has a 7,596 square foot site and is located in Oak Park, Oak Park Township, Cook County. The property is a class 2-06 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant asserts overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted an appraisal that estimated that the subject property had a market value of

¹ The Board notes that the board of review reports the living space square footage to be 4,072 while the appellant reports the living space square footage to be 4,148. The appellant's representation of square footage is supported by an appraisal that contains a diagram of the subject property with measurements for total living area. Accordingly, the Board finds 4,148 to be the best evidence of living space square footage for purposes of this appeal.

\$830,000 as of January 1, 2023. The appraisal was prepared by Tom Boyle, Jr., a licensed trainee residential real estate appraiser from The PJC Group. His appraisal was supervised by David Conaghan, a licensed, certified appraiser also from The PJC Group. The appraisal used the sales comparison approach. The appraiser relied on three suggested sales comparables of dwellings within .69 miles of the subject property that took place between January 2020 and November 2021 for amounts ranging from \$744,000 to \$856,000 or between \$179.76 and \$212.25 per square foot of living area, land included in the sale prices. The appraiser adjusted the sales prices to account for differences between the comparables and the subject. The appraiser conducted an interior and exterior inspection of the property on May 9, 2023. Photographs of the subject dwelling's exterior and interior were included with the appraisal. After applying the adjustments, the appraiser determined that the subject's market value was \$830,000.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$97,999. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$979,990 or \$236.26 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the Cook County Real Estate Classification Ordinance level of assessment for class 2 property of 10%.

In support of the assessment, the board of review submitted information about sales of three suggested comparable properties. The suggested comparables were sold between June 2021 and April 2022 for amounts ranging from \$1,105,000 to \$1,305,000 or between \$245.45 and \$334.54 per square foot of living area, land included in the sales prices. The comparable sales were located within the same subarea of the subject property.

In rebuttal, the appellant submitted a letter arguing that the board of review failed to submit substantive documentary evidence or legal arguments sufficient to support its assessment because it had only submitted three unadjusted sales comparables.

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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The Board finds that the best evidence of the subject's market value is the appraisal submitted by the appellant. That appraisal employed the sales comparison approach and relied upon recent sales of three suggested comparable properties. The appraisal stated that the sale prices of the suggested comparable properties were adjusted to account for differences between them and the subject, taking into account such factors as gross living area, design/features, financing, age and location, and the appraiser determined that the subject's market value was \$830,000 as of January 1, 2023.

In contrast, the board of review's evidence consists of unadjusted raw data for four comparable sales. Based on the evidence, the Board therefore finds the appellant has proven, by a

preponderance of the evidence, that the subject is overvalued, and that 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: _____

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:

May 19, 2026



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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