



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

APPELLANT: Daren Thomas
DOCKET NO.: 23-28172.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 02-22-215-020-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Daren Thomas, the appellant, by attorney Andreas Mamalakis, of the Law Offices of Andreas Mamalakis in Kenosha; 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: \$5,208
IMPR.: \$26,792
TOTAL: \$32,000

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 a multi-level dwelling of frame and masonry exterior construction with 1,507 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 63 years old. Features of the home include a partial basement and 2½ bathrooms. The property has an 8,680 square foot site and is located in Palatine, Palatine Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-34 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on five comparables located within the subject's assessment neighborhood. The comparables consist of class 2-34, multi-level dwellings of frame and masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,326 to 1,754 square feet of living area. The homes range from 51 to 64 years old. The comparables

each have a partial basement, from 1½ to 2½ bathrooms, one fireplace, and a 1-car or a 2-car garage. Four comparables each have central air conditioning. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$19,880 to \$25,466 or from \$13.29 to \$15.45 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the subject's improvement assessment be reduced.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$32,000. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$26,792 or \$17.78 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparables located within the subject's assessment neighborhood. The comparables consist of class 2-34, multi-level dwellings of frame and masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,004 to 1,404 square feet of living area. The homes range in age from 44 to 63 years old. Each comparable has a partial basement, 1½ or 2½ bathrooms and a 1-car to a 2.5-car garage. Two comparables each have central air conditioning. One comparable has one fireplace. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$23,466 to \$32,150 or from \$17.78 to \$26.34 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested 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 equity comparables for the Board's consideration with varying degrees of similarity to the subject in property characteristics, including age, dwelling size, foundation type, central air conditioning, bathroom count, and garage amenity. Nevertheless, the Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #2 and #3 as well as board of review comparables #2, #3, and #4 which are less similar to the subject in dwelling size and/or age than other comparables in this record. The parties' remaining comparables are relatively similar to the subject in design/class, age, and dwelling size. These comparables would require appropriate adjustments for various differences to make them more equivalent to the subject. The best comparables each have an improvement assessment ranging from \$21,708 to \$32,150 and from \$13.29 to \$22.90 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$26,792 or \$17.78 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. After considering the adjustments to the best comparables for differences to the subject, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and 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

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: _____

February 17, 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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