FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Lawrence Pudelek
DOCKET NO.: 23-45457.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 13-08-415-009-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Lawrence Pudelek, the appellant(s), by attorney Marie Mactal, of the Law Offices of Terrence Kennedy Jr. 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:	$9,300
IMPR.:	$27,700
TOTAL:	$37,000

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 two-story dwelling of masonry construction with 9,300 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately ninety-seven years old. Features of the home include a full basement, central air conditioning, 2 full bathrooms and a detached one-car garage. The property has is located in Chicago, Jefferson Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends assessment inequity and contention of law as the basis of the appeal. The file was not accompanied by a brief as required under PTAB rules, therefore, the matter will only be considered under the theory of assessment inequity. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on five equity comparables. Each of the equity comparable properties are of masonry, frame or frame/masonry. They are similar in age and features. They range in size

from 9,300 to 13,950 square feet of living area; and in improvement assessment from 21,388 to 3,105 or $9.35 to $10.16 per square foot of living area. They range in distance to the subject property from 344 to 515 square feet of living area. The appellant requested a reduction in total assessment to $30,300.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of $40,000. The subject property has an improvement assessment of $30,700 or $11.61 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three equity comparables. Each of the board of review comaparable properties are two-story of masonry construction of similar age and features. They range in size from 2,124 to 2,484 square feet of living area; and in improvement assessment from $29,700 to $32,700 or $11.96 to $15.40. The board of review comparable properties are on the same block as the subject property. The board of review is asking for no change in assessment.

Conclusion of Law 10.16

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

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be *appellant's comparables*. Based on this record the Board finds the appellant *did* demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and 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:

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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: October 20, 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 9-215 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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