



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

APPELLANT: Andy Karwaczka  
DOCKET NO.: 23-48499.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 24-18-316-002-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Andy Karwaczka, the appellant, by attorney Andrew S. Dziuk, of Andrew Dziuk, Esq. 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 **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:** \$5,913  
**IMPR.:** \$19,086  
**TOTAL:** \$24,999

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 1-story dwelling of frame and masonry exterior construction with 1,336 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 39 years old. Features of the home include a full basement and a 2-car garage.<sup>1</sup> The property has a 10,285 square foot site located in Worth, Worth Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-03 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 and within 0.66 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables consist of class 2-03, single family dwellings of frame and masonry

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<sup>1</sup> The Board finds the subject dwelling has central air conditioning according to Section III of the appellant's appeal petition and the board of review's grid analysis.

exterior construction ranging in size from 1,206 to 1,500 square feet of living area. The dwellings are from 63 to 65 years old. Four comparables each have a crawl space foundation, and one comparable has a full basement. Two comparables each have a fireplace, and four comparables have from a 1-car to a 2-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$12,962 to \$16,178 or from \$10.73 to \$10.80 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 property of \$24,999. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$19,086 or \$14.29 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 and within the subject's subarea or approximately ¼ of a mile from the subject. The comparables consist of class 2-03, 1-story dwellings of masonry or frame and masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,127 to 1,285 square feet of living area. The dwellings are from 58 to 66 years old. The comparables each have a full basement and a 2-car garage. Three comparables each have central air conditioning. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$17,462 to \$25,000 or from \$14.97 to \$22.16 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the 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 equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board finds all the comparables are from 58 to 66 years old, which is considerably older than the 39 year old age of the subject dwelling. Nevertheless, the Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #2, #3, #4 and #5 which lack a basement foundation and/or a garage and are features of the subject. The Board also gives less weight to the board of review comparables #1, #2 and #4 which have central air conditioning and is not a feature of the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the parties' remaining comparables. Although these comparables are older in age than the subject, these comparables are overall most similar to the subject in design, dwelling size, foundation type and most features. These two comparables have improvement assessments of \$15,221 and \$19,239 or \$10.73 and \$14.97 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$19,086 or \$14.29 per square foot of living area is bracketed by the best comparables in the record. Based on this record and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared

to the subject, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that 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



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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:

April 21, 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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