



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

APPELLANT: Joseph Johnson  
DOCKET NO.: 23-55130.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 04-09-112-006-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Joseph Johnson, 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 **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:** \$18,330  
**IMPR.:** \$34,918  
**TOTAL:** \$53,248

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.<sup>1</sup>

**Findings of Fact**

The subject property consists of a 2-story dwelling of frame and masonry exterior construction with 2,390 square feet of living area.<sup>2</sup> The dwelling is approximately 53 years old. Features of the home include a partial basement, a fireplace, and a 2-car garage. The property has a 12,220 square foot site and is located in Northbrook, Northfield Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-78 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 equity

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<sup>1</sup> The appellant waived the hearing request and requested to have the appeal decided on the written record without objection from the board of review.

<sup>2</sup> The board of review reported that the subject is in poor condition.

comparables located within the subject's assessment neighborhood and within .59 of a mile of the subject. The comparables consist of 2-story class 2-78 dwellings of frame and masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 2,454 to 2,860 square feet of living area. The homes range in age from 47 to 60 years old. Each dwelling has a fireplace, a full or partial basement, and a 2-car garage. Four comparables have central air conditioning. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$30,503 to \$44,873 or from \$12.43 to \$15.69 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced improvement assessment of \$34,918 or \$14.61 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$61,541. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$43,211 or \$18.08 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables located within the subject's assessment neighborhood and within the same block as the subject. The comparables consist of 2-story class 2-78 dwellings of frame or frame and masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 2,789 to 3,140 square feet of living area. The homes range from 55 to 58 years old. Each dwelling has one or two fireplaces, a partial basement with two having finished area, and a 2-car or 3.5-car garage. Two comparables have central air conditioning. The board of review reported that each comparable is in "deluxe" condition. The board of review also reported that two comparables have "other improvements," which were not further identified. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$51,039 to \$58,958 or from \$18.30 to \$19.33 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

### **Conclusion of Law**

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 parties submitted a total of nine equity comparables to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board has given reduced weight to the appellant's comparables #4 and #5, as well as the comparables submitted by the board of review, which differ from the subject in dwelling size.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the appellant's comparables #1, #2, and #3, which are similar to the subject in age, location, dwelling size, and most features. These comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$30,503 to \$40,046 or from \$12.43 to \$15.09 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$43,211 or \$18.08 per square foot of living area is above the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record the Board finds the appellant demonstrated with clear and

convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment commensurate with the appellant's request 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



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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: \_\_\_\_\_

November 25, 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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