



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

APPELLANT: Tarek Ismail
DOCKET NO.: 24-01832.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-28-317-009

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Tarek Ismail, the appellant, by attorney Ronald Kingsley of Lake County Real Estate Tax Appeal, LLC in Hawthorn Woods; and the Lake 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 **Lake** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$46,892
IMPR.: \$266,026
TOTAL: \$312,918

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Lake County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2024 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 frame exterior construction with 4,643 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2006 and is approximately 18 years old. Features of the home include a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 660 square foot garage. The property has a 14,375 square foot site and is located in Buffalo Grove, Vernon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on five comparable properties that are located from .73 of a mile to 1.98 miles from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 9,583 to 114,127 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of brick, frame or brick and frame exterior construction ranging in size from 3,784 to 4,376 square feet of living area. The dwellings are from 25 to 45 years old. The comparables

each have a basement, four of which have finished area. Each comparable has central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 528 to 800 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from April to November 2023 for prices ranging from \$740,000 to \$920,000 or from \$177.61 to \$243.13 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$267,720, which would reflect a market value of \$803,240 or \$173.00 per square foot of living area, including land, when using the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$312,918. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$938,848 or \$202.21 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.¹

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparable properties that are located from approximately .81 of a mile to 2.29 miles from the subject property. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 12,632 to 43,570 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of frame or brick and frame exterior construction ranging in size from 3,577 to 5,022 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1991 to 2007. Each comparable has a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 638 to 918 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from October 2023 to August 2024 for prices ranging from \$910,000 to \$1,101,435 or from \$219.32 to \$254.40 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

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 did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted nine comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board has given less weight to the appellant's comparables #2, #4 and #5 due to their smaller dwelling sizes and/or older ages, when compared to the subject. Additionally, the appellant's comparable #4 has a substantially larger site size when compared to the subject. The Board has given reduced weight to board of review comparables #2 and #3 due to their distant locations from the subject being more than two miles away and/or they have a larger site size. The Board has also given less weight to board of review comparable #4 due to its substantially smaller dwelling size.

¹ Procedural rule Sec. 1910.50(c)(1) provides that in all counties other than Cook, the three-year county wide assessment level as certified by the Department of Revenue will be considered. 86 Ill.Admin.Code Sec. 1910.50(c)(1). Prior to the drafting of this decision, the Department of Revenue has yet to publish figures for tax year 2024.

The Board finds the appellant's comparables #1 and #3, along with board of review comparable #1 sold proximate in time to the assessment date at issue and are relatively similar to the subject in location, site size and design. However, the Board finds all three dwellings are inferior to the subject in size, the appellant's comparables #1 and #3 are older in age, when compared to the subject and the appellant's comparable #3 lacks basement finish, a feature of the subject. These differences suggest upward adjustments would be required to make the comparables more equivalent to the subject. Nevertheless, the comparables sold from April 2023 to August 2024 for prices ranging from \$765,500 to \$955,000 or from \$177.61 to \$233.72 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$938,848 or \$202.21 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparable sales in the record. Based on this record and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted based on overvaluation.

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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