



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

APPELLANT: Angel Medina
DOCKET NO.: 24-02888.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 08-09-302-025

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Angel Medina, the appellant; 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: \$13,279
IMPR.: \$61,360
TOTAL: \$74,639

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 one-story dwelling of brick exterior construction with 1,424 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1960 and is 64 years old. Features of the home include a finished lower level and a 408 square foot garage. The property has a 6,534 square foot site and is located in Waukegan, Waukegan Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with regard to the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables located in the subject's assessment neighborhood and within .09 of a mile of the subject. The comparables consist of one-story dwellings of brick exterior construction ranging in size from 1,344 to 1,599 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1958 to 1962. Each dwelling has a basement and one comparable has a 484 square foot garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$46,767 to \$66,742 or from \$34.66 to

\$41.74 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced improvement assessment of \$55,833 or \$39.21 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 \$74,639. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$61,360 or \$43.09 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on two equity comparables located within the subject's assessment neighborhood and within .04 of a mile of the subject. The comparables consist of one-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction each containing 1,344 square feet of living area. The homes are each 47 years old. Each dwelling has central air conditioning and a full basement. The comparables have improvement assessments of \$72,617 or \$54.03 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

In rebuttal, the appellant argued that the board of review's comparables are dissimilar to the subject in age and design.

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

The parties submitted a total of six equity comparables to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board gives less weight to the comparables submitted by the board of review, which differ from the subject in age and feature central air conditioning unlike the subject. The Board finds the best evidence of equity to be the comparables presented by the appellant, which are similar to the subject in age, location, and dwelling size, noting upward adjustments for the lack of garage would be necessary to make three of the comparables more equivalent to the subject. The Board placed most weight on the appellant's comparable #1, which is nearly identical to the subject in age, location, and features. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$46,767 to \$66,742 or from \$34.66 to \$41.74 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$61,360 or \$43.09 per square foot of living area is within the range established by the best comparables in this record overall and slightly above the range on a per-square-foot basis. The Board finds the subject's higher assessment is logical given the subject features a garage, which three of the four comparables lack. The Board also finds the subject's higher assessment per square foot logical given the subject's smaller dwelling in relation to comparable #1 and the principle of economies of scale, which generally provides that as the size of a property increases, the per unit value decreases, and in contrast, as the size of a property decreases, the per unit value increases. Based on this record and after considering adjustments to the comparables for

differences from 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



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: March 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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