



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

APPELLANT: Marianne Hitzel
DOCKET NO.: 24-03383.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 09-07-326-023

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Marianne Hitzel, the appellant, by attorney Arden Edelcup, of Tax Appeals Lake County in Lake Zurich; and the McHenry 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 **McHenry** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$43,757
IMPR.: \$77,700
TOTAL: \$121,457

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the McHenry 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 1-story dwelling of frame exterior construction with 644 square feet of living area. The dwelling was built in 1942 and is approximately 82 years old. Features of the home include a walkout basement with finished area, central air conditioning, and a fireplace. The property has a 7,785 square foot site and is located in Wonder Lake, McHenry Township, McHenry County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four comparable sales located from 0.3 of a mile to 1 mile from the subject. The parcels range in size from 8,962 to 15,246 square feet of land area and are improved with 1-story, 2-story, and part 1-story part 2-story homes ranging in size from 832 to 1,596 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1937 to 1945. Two homes have a basement with finished area. Each comparable has central air conditioning and two comparables

have a 1-car or a 2-car garage. The comparables sold from February to July 2024 for prices ranging from \$310,000 to \$410,000 or from \$200.83 to \$372.60 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$121,457. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$364,407 or \$565.85 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 two comparable sales located within 0.43 of a mile from the subject. The board of review submitted a map depicting the locations of the comparables in relation to the subject and depicting their locations on Wonder Lake, with photographs further documenting these are waterfront properties. Comparable #1 is the same sale as the appellant's comparable #1. Comparable #2 has an 8,817 square foot site that is improved with a 1-story home with 774 square feet of living area. The dwelling is reported to be 88 years old and features a walkout basement with finished area, central air conditioning, and a 624 square foot garage. This comparables sold in July 2024 for a price of \$485,000 or \$626.62 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

In written rebuttal, the appellant argued the board of review's comparable #2 was rebuilt in 2022 and presented a listing sheet for its sale describing that it was rebuilt in 2022.

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 record contains a total of five comparable sales, with one common sale, for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #2, #3, and #4, due to substantial differences from the subject in design and dwelling size.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparable #1/board of review's comparable #1 and the board of review's comparable #2, which are more similar to the subject in design, dwelling size, location, and some features, although one comparable was rebuilt in 2022 and has a garage unlike the subject and one comparable lacks a basement that is a

¹ Section 1910.50(c)(1) of the Board's procedural rules 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 § 1910.50(c)(1). As of the development of this Final Administrative decision, the Department of Revenue has not published figures for tax year 2024.

feature of the subject, suggesting adjustments to these comparables would be needed to make them more equivalent to the subject. These most similar comparables sold for prices of \$310,000 and \$485,000 or \$372.60 and \$626.62 per square foot of living area, including land, respectively. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$364,407 or \$565.85 per square foot of living area, including land, which is bracketed by the best two comparable sales in this record. Based on this evidence and after considering appropriate adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds 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: _____

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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