



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

APPELLANT: Melinda Wisecup
DOCKET NO.: 24-03862.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 23-17.0-481-005

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Melinda Wisecup, the appellant; and the Sangamon 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 **Sangamon** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$14,167
IMPR.: \$104,723
TOTAL: \$118,890

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Sangamon 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 after notice of application of a township equalization factor. The Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has limited jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of the appeal.

Findings of Fact

The subject property consists of a 1-story dwelling of vinyl and brick exterior construction with 1,829 square feet of living area that is approximately 20 years old. Features of the home include a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a 2-car garage. The property has an approximately 10,200 square foot site and is located in Rochester, Rochester Township, Sangamon County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted an appraisal estimating the subject property had a market value of \$317,000 as of March 21, 2025. The appraisal was prepared by Brandon Kates, as Associate Real Estate Trainee Appraiser and supervisory appraiser Jordan Book, a Certified Residential Real Estate Appraiser. The intended use of the appraisal report was to develop the As-is market value of the subject property for the appellant's private use.

In estimating the market value of the subject property, the appraisers developed the sales comparison approach to value selecting six comparable sales located from 0.07 of a mile to 1.62 miles from the subject property. The comparables have varying degrees of similarity to the subject in location, age, dwelling size and other amenities. The comparables sold from June 2024 to January 2025 for prices ranging from \$295,000 to \$349,901 or from \$158.03 to \$190.37 per square foot of living area, land included. The appraisers adjusted the comparables for differences from the subject arriving at adjusted sale prices of the comparables ranging from \$303,400 to \$357,701 and an opinion of market value for the subject of \$317,000 as of March 21, 2025. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to reflect its appraised value when applying the statutory assessment level.

The appellant also submitted the final decision issued by the Sangamon County Board of Review after notice of application of a township equalization factor. The final decision disclosed the subject property had a final assessment of \$125,167 and that an equalization factor of 1.0528 was applied in Rochester Township for the 2024 tax year. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$375,539 or \$205.32 per square foot of living area including land when applying the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.

The board of review did not submit its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" or any evidence in support of its assessment of the subject property as required by section 1910.40(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.40(a). By letter dated September 11, 2025 the board of review was found to be in default pursuant to section 1910.69(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.69(a).

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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The Board finds the only evidence of market value in this record is the appraisal submitted by the appellant which was not challenged by the board of review and supports a reduction in the subject's assessment. However, the record further indicates the appellant did not file a complaint with the board of review but appealed the subject's assessment directly to the Property Tax Appeal Board after notice of the application of an equalization factor. Since the appeal was filed after notification of an equalization factor, the amount of relief the Property Tax Appeal Board may grant is limited. (35 ILCS 200/16-180)

Based on a review of the evidence contained in this record, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds a reduction in the assessment of the subject property is supported. However, the reduction is limited to the increase in the assessment caused by the application of the equalization factor.

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:

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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