



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

APPELLANT: Vera Dicke  
DOCKET NO.: 24-04393.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 09-08-114-011

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Vera Dicke, the appellant, by attorney David Kieta, of Kieta Law LLC in Winfield; and the DuPage 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 **DuPage** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$88,264  
**IMPR.:** \$104,918  
**TOTAL:** \$193,182

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the DuPage 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 2-story dwelling of frame exterior construction with 1,536 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1910 and is approximately 114 years old. Features of the home include a basement, a 98 square foot enclosed porch and a 192 square foot garage. The property has a 9,196 square foot site and is located in Downers Grove, Downers Grove Township, DuPage County.

The appellant contends inequity with respect to the improvement assessment as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on six assessment equity comparables located within .36 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of frame or brick exterior construction that range in size from 1,440 to 1,896 square feet of living area. The homes are 104 to 117 years old. Each comparable has a basement, one comparable has central air conditioning, three comparables each have one fireplace and four comparables each have a garage ranging in size from 320 to 462 square feet of

building area. These properties have improvement assessments ranging from \$95,531 to \$124,499 or from \$64.27 to \$66.86 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$193,182. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$104,918 or \$68.31 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on six assessment equity comparables located within .35 of a mile from the subject. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of frame exterior construction that range in size from 1,424 to 1,521 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1869 to 1928 and have basements. Two homes have central air conditioning, two homes each have one fireplace, and each home has garage ranging in size from 320 to 576 square feet of building area. Three comparables have enclosed porches. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$103,722 to \$111,804 or from \$68.60 to \$74.57 per square foot of living area. The board of review submitted a map depicting the locations of both parties' comparables. Based on this evidence the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

### **Conclusion of Law**

The appellant 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 information on twelve assessment equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to appellant's comparables #1 and #2 due to differences in size when compared to the subject. The Board also gives less weight to appellant's comparable #5 as well as board of review comparables #3 and #4 which have central air conditioning unlike the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be appellant's comparables #3, #4 and 6 along with board of review comparables #1, #2, #5 and #6 which overall are more similar to the subject in location, age, dwelling size and features. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$95,531 to \$113,806 or from \$65.42 to \$73.51 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$104,918 or \$68.31 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record and after considering the adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject property, 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: January 20, 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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