



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

APPELLANT: BBH Properties, LLC
DOCKET NO.: 24-33494.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 24-24-306-011-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are BBH Properties, LLC, the appellant, by Robert Rosenfeld, attorney-at-law of Robert H. Rosenfeld & Associates, LLC in Northbrook, and the Cook 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 **Cook** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$2,448
IMPR.: \$13,000
TOTAL: \$15,448

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Cook 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 is improved with a one-story dwelling of masonry exterior construction containing 1,130 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1954 and is approximately 70 years old. Features of the property include a slab foundation, central air conditioning, 1½ bathrooms, and a 2-car garage. The property has a 4,662 square foot site located in Merrionette Park, Worth Township, Cook County. The subject is a class 2-03 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends inequity regarding the improvement assessment as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables consisting of class 2-03 properties improved with one-story dwellings of masonry exterior construction that range in size from 1,130 to 1,366 square feet of living area. The comparables are 71 or 72 years old. Each property has a slab foundation, central air

conditioning, one bathroom, and a 1½-car or 2-car garage. One comparable has a fireplace. These properties have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and are located from 423 feet to .5 of a mile from the subject property. Their improvement assessments range from \$11,128 to \$14,367 or from \$9.85 to \$10.72 per square foot of living area. The appellant requested the improvement assessment be reduced to \$11,628.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$15,448. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$13,000 or \$11.50 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables consisting of class 2-03 properties each improved with a 72-year-old one-story dwelling of masonry or frame and masonry exterior construction containing 1,130 square feet of living area. Each property has a slab foundation, one bathroom, and a 1-car or 1½-car garage. The comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and are located in the same assessment block as the subject property. The comparables have improvement assessments of \$13,552 and \$14,552 or \$11.99 and \$12.88 per square foot of living area. The board of review asserted the building assessed value per square foot for the comparables are the same or higher than the subject, which supports the assessed value as equitable.

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 eight equity comparables with the sale classification code and neighborhood code as the subject property to support their respective positions. The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be appellant's comparable #1 and the board of review comparables that are equivalent to the subject in dwelling size, each with 1,130 square feet of living area, as well as being similar to the subject in age. The comparables have varying degrees of similarity to the subject in features that would require adjustments to make them more equivalent to the subject property. Each of these comparables has ½ less bathroom than the subject that would require upward adjustments to make them more equivalent to the subject property. Additionally, each of the board of review comparables has a smaller garage than the subject and none of the board of review comparables have central air conditioning, a feature of the subject dwelling, requiring upward adjustments to the comparables to make them more equivalent to the subject for these differences. These five comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$11,128 to \$14,552 or from \$9.85 to \$12.88 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$13,000 or \$11.50 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record and is well supported after considering the suggested adjustments to make them more equivalent to the subject for differing features.

The Board gives less weight to appellant's comparables #2, #3 and #4 due to differences from the subject in dwelling size, being approximately 16% to 21% larger than the subject home.

Based on this record 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:

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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