FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Patty Weatherwax
DOCKET NO.: 24-45624.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-08-300-015-1007

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Patty Weatherwax, the appellant(s), by attorney Max E. Callahan, of Siegel & Callahan, P.C. in Chicago; and the Cook 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 **Cook** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND:	$8,580
IMPR.:	$37,920
TOTAL:	$46,500

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 consists of a condominium unit located within a 104-year-old, masonry, multi-story, 15-unit condominium building. The property is located in Chicago, Lake View Township, Cook County and is classified as a class 2-99 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant's appeal contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of the market value argument, the appellant completed *Section IV-Recent Sale Data* of the petition and disclosed that the subject was purchased from Anthony Costanzo on July 20, 2022 for $465,000. The petition also disclosed that the sale: was not a transfer between related parties; was sold with the assistance of a real estate broker; was advertised for sale on the multiple listing service for one month; and was not sold due to a foreclosure or contract for deed. The appellant included the sales contract, settlement statement, and warranty deed. The settlement statement included

commissions paid to real estate companies. The petition discloses the subject is an owner-occupied residence.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the subject's total assessment of $58,777 which reflects a market value of $587,770 using the Cook County Real Estate Classification Ordinance level of assessment for class 2 property of 10%.

In support of the current assessment, the board of review submitted a condominium analysis. The analysis lists the sale of seven units in the subject's building for an aggregate sale price of $2,512,000. This value was divided by the percentage of ownership of the units sold of 52,91% to arrive at a value for the building of $4,747,684. The total value of the building was multiplied by the subject's percentage of ownership to arrive at an estimate of value for the subject of $587,763. The board of review included the subject's sale in calculating this estimate of value.

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 best evidence of market value to be the purchase of the subject property in July 2022 for $465,000. The appellant provided information in Section IV-Recent Sale Data of the appeal that the parties to the transaction were not related, that the property was sold using a Realtor, that the property had been advertised on the open market, and that the subject property was not sold due to a foreclosure. The board of review did not refute this sale or that it was not at arm's length. Based on this record, the Board finds the subject property had a market value of $465,000 as of January 1, 2024, and that a reduction in the subject's assessment is justified. Since market value has been determined, the level of assessment of 10% for Class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance shall apply.

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:

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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: October 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 9-215 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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