



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

APPELLANT: John Schmidt
DOCKET NO.: 25-00466.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 03-26-201-004

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are John Schmidt, the appellant, by attorney Ronald Kingsley, of Lake County Real Estate Tax Appeal, LLC in Hawthorn Woods; and the Lake 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 **Lake** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$40,367
IMPR.: \$156,843
TOTAL: \$197,210

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Lake County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2025 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 wood siding exterior construction with 3,202 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 26 years old. Features of the home include a full basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a 930 square foot garage. The property has a 40,511 square foot site and is located in Wadsworth, Newport Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on three comparable sales located within .44 of a mile of the subject. The comparables consist of 1-story dwellings of frame exterior construction ranging in size from 3,227 to 3,580 square feet of living area. The homes range in age from 25 to 66 years old. Each dwelling has a basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a garage ranging in size from 456 to 928 square feet of building area. The parcels range in size from 48,796 to

64,469 square feet of land area. The comparables sold in November 2024 or May 2025 for prices ranging from \$500,000 to \$585,000 or from \$139.66 to \$181.28 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced assessment of \$175,025, for an estimated market value of \$525,128 or \$164.00 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$197,210. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$591,689 or \$184.79 per square foot of living area, land included, when applying the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales located within a mile of the subject. Comparable #3 is the same property as the appellant's comparable #3. The comparables consist of 1-story or 1.5-story dwellings of wood siding or brick exterior construction ranging from 2,104 to 3,227 square feet of living area. The dwellings are 25 to 34 years old. Each dwelling has a full basement, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces, and a garage ranging in size from 736 to 3,424 square feet of building area. The parcels range in size from 48,042 to 81,531 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from August 2023 to June 2025 for prices ranging from \$560,000 to \$600,000 or from \$181.28 to \$270.27 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

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 parties submitted a total of six comparable sales to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board, with one comparable being common to the parties. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparable #1, which differs from the subject in age. The Board also gives reduced weight to the board of review's comparables #1, #2, and #4, which differ from the subject in dwelling size, with comparable #1 also differing in site size, garage size, and having sold less proximate to the January 1, 2025 assessment date at issue. The Board finds the parties' remaining comparables sold proximate to the assessment date at issue and are similar to the subject in age, location, dwelling size, and features. These comparables sold in November 2024 and May 2025 for prices of \$525,000 and \$585,000 or \$161.74 and \$181.28 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$591,689 or \$184.79 per square foot of living area, including land, which is slightly above the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. Based on this evidence and after considering 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: _____

July 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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