FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Sam Desai
DOCKET NO.: 25-00613.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 06-18-208-001

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Sam Desai, 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:	$12,568
IMPR.:	$58,735
TOTAL:	$71,303

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 vinyl siding exterior construction with 845 square feet of living area.[1] The dwelling was constructed in 1947 and is approximately 78 years old. Features of the home include a basement with finished area, 2 baths and a 294 square foot garage. The property has an 11,252 square foot site and is located in Round Lake Heights, Avon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on three equity comparables located 1.08 to 1.25 miles from the subject. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 5,001 to 10,001 square feet of land area that are improved with 1-story homes of wood frame exterior construction ranging in size

[1] The Board finds the best description of the subject property was found in the property record card submitted by the board of review.

from 800 to 900 square feet of living area. The dwellings were 67 to 101 years old. Each home has a basement and 1 bath; one home has central air conditioning; and one home has a garage with 440 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from June 2023 to March 2025 for prices ranging from $130,000 to $158,000 or from $158.24 to $182.03 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's total assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of $71,303. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of $213,930 or $253.17 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on three comparable sales located .86 of a mile to 2.36 miles from the subject property. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 5,000 to 7,227 square feet of land area that are improved with 1-story dwellings of vinyl siding exterior construction ranging in size from 909 to 1,000 square feet of living area. The dwellings are 66 to 84 years old. Two comparables have central air conditioning and each comparable has a garage ranging in size from 280 to 672 square feet of living area. The comparables sold from September 2024 to October 2025 for prices ranging from $225,000 to $294,000 or from $240.64 to $294.00 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 record contains a total of seven comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to appellant's comparables #1 and #2 which sold in 2023, less proximate in time to the January 1, 2025, assessment date than the other comparables in the record. The Board gives less weight to board of review comparables #1 and #2 which are less similar to the subject in location and dwelling size, respectively, than the other comparables in the record.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellant's comparable #3 along with board of review comparables #2 and #3 which sold more proximate in time to the assessment date at issue and are similar to the subject in location and dwelling size. The comparables sold from in March and May 2025 for prices ranging from $158,000 to $240,000 or from $182.03 to $250.00 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of $213,930 or $253.17 per square foot of living area land included, which is within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record on overall market value. The subject has a somewhat higher price per square foot which is logical due to subject's smaller dwelling size and economies of scale. After considering adjustments to the best comparables sales for

differences from the subject, the Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by the assessment is supported 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:

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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