INDIANA BOARD OF TAX REVIEW

Small Claims Final Determination Findings and Conclusions

Petition No.: 33-016-18-1-5-01085-18
Petitioner: Beacon Enterprises, LLC
Respondent: Henry County Assessor
Parcel: 33-12-15-420-263.000-016

Assessment Year: 2018

The Indiana Board of Tax Review (Board) issues this determination, finding and concluding as follows:

Procedural History

- 1. The Petitioner initiated its 2018 assessment appeal with the Henry County Assessor on April 11, 2018.
- 2. On September 7, 2018, the Henry County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA) issued its determination denying the Petitioner any relief.
- 3. The Petitioner timely filed a Petition for Review of Assessment (Form 131) with the Board, electing the Board's small claims procedures.
- 4. On June 20, 2019, Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Dalene McMillen held the Board's administrative hearing. Neither the Board nor the ALJ inspected the property.
- 5. Certified tax representative John Johantges appeared for the Petitioner. Attorney Ayn Engle appeared for the Respondent. Certified general appraiser Daniel Semler was sworn as a witness for the Petitioner. Nexus Group employee Larry Perry was sworn as a witness for the Respondent.

Facts

- 6. The property under appeal is a "converted triplex rental home" located at 940 South 15th Street in New Castle.
- 7. The PTABOA determined the total assessment is \$49,300 (land \$6,400 and improvements \$42,900).
- 8. The Petitioner requested a total assessment of \$20,000 (land \$6,400 and improvements \$13,600).

¹ Beacon Enterprises, LLC, managing partner Nick Bondar was sworn but did not testify.

Record

- 9. The official record for this matter is made up of the following:
 - a) A digital recording of the hearing.
 - b) Exhibits:

Petitioner Exhibit 1: 2018 subject property record card,

Petitioner Exhibit 2: Residential Appraisal Report of the subject property

prepared by certified general appraiser Daniel Semler with

an effective date of December 13, 2017,

Petitioner Exhibit 3: Spreadsheet of comparable sales.

Respondent Exhibit A: 2018 subject property record card,

Respondent Exhibit B: Respondent's gross rent multiplier (GRM) and value per

unit sale price analysis,²

Respondent Exhibit F: Bestplaces.net for New Castle, Indiana housing market,

Respondent Exhibit G: Residential Appraisal Report of the subject property

prepared by certified general appraiser Daniel Semler with

an effective date of December 13, 2017,

Respondent Exhibit H: Sales disclosure forms for the following properties:

• 1503 South 20th Street, New Castle, dated November 23,

2015.

• 1503 South 20th Street, New Castle, dated August 7,

2017.

• 1703 Plum Street, New Castle,

• 2003 Walnut Street, New Castle,

• 1513 South 20th Street, New Castle,

• 223 South 12th Street, New Castle,

Respondent Exhibit I: Property record cards for the following properties:

• 1503 South 20th Street, New Castle,

• 1703 – 1705 Plum Street, New Castle,

• 2003 Walnut Street, New Castle,

• 211 North 17th Street, New Castle,

• 1513 South 20th Street, New Castle,

• 223 South 12th Street, New Castle,

Respondent Exhibit J: Residential Appraisal Reports of 206 North 17th Street; 709

Spring Street; 330 North 11th Street; and the subject

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² The Respondent's exhibit coversheet listed Respondent's Exhibits C, D, E, and K, but the Respondent did not submit these exhibits into the record. Respondent's Exhibit Q entitled "Money Stewart House Urban Farm and Garden in Gary, Indiana" was also included in the Respondent's binder but not entered into the record. Therefore, the Board will not consider any of these exhibits.

property all prepared by Daniel Semler with effective dates of December 13, 2017, and December 14, 2017.

c) The record also includes the following: (1) all pleadings and documents filed in this appeal; (2) all orders and notices issued by the Board or ALJ; and (3) these findings and conclusions.

Objections

- 10. Ms. Engle objected to Petitioner's Exhibit 3, the spreadsheet of comparable sales, on the grounds the Petitioner failed to timely provide a copy prior to the hearing even though it was requested. The ALJ took the objection under advisement.
- 11. The Board's small claims procedural rules provide that, if requested, "the parties shall provide to all other parties copies of any documentary evidence and the names and addresses of all witnesses intended to be presented at the hearing at least five (5) business days before the small claims hearing." 52 IAC 3-1-5(d). The rules further provide that failure to comply with that requirement "may serve as grounds to exclude evidence or testimony that has not been timely provided." 52 IAC 3-1-5(f) (emphasis added).
- 12. The purpose of this requirement is to allow parties to be informed, avoid surprises, and promote an organized, efficient, fair consideration of cases. Here, Ms. Engle identified that Petitioner's Exhibit 3 was not exchanged. The Petitioner did not dispute this claim. Because the Petitioner failed to provide a copy of this exhibit prior to the hearing, as the Respondent expressly requested, the Respondent's objection is sustained and Petitioner's Exhibit 3 is excluded. The Board notes the Petitioner did not offer any testimony regarding this exhibit and the exclusion of this exhibit does not affect the Board's final determination.

Contentions

- 13. Summary of the Petitioner's case:
 - a) The subject property is over-assessed. In support of this argument, the Petitioner offered a Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) compliant appraisal prepared by certified general appraiser Daniel L. Semler.³ Mr. Semler valued the property utilizing both the sales comparison and income approaches to value. Based on his appraisal, Mr. Semler estimated the total value of the property to be \$20,000 as of December 13, 2017. *Semler testimony; Pet'r Ex. 2.*
 - b) Mr. Semler testified the highest and best use of the property is its present use as an investment property, therefore, the market value and market value-in-use would be the same. *Semler testimony*.

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³ In response to questioning, Mr. Semler testified he did not renew his Indiana appraisal license when it expired on June 30, 2018.

- c) The subject property is located in a fair to average older neighborhood where half of the sales since 2008 were foreclosures. In the last 12 months the neighborhood had one real estate owned (REO) sale in the amount of \$10,100. *Semler testimony; Pet'r Ex.* 2.
- d) The subject property is an old single-family home on a corner lot converted into three apartments. At the time of the appraisal only one apartment was occupied. All of the apartments have updated bathrooms. Two apartments have updated kitchens with modern cabinets and furnaces. One apartment has an old gas stove as its source of heat. The house has an older roof, windows, floor covering, plaster, and trim. The home has a "typical old awkward floor plan." This type of property sells to cash buyers because it is difficult to get conventional financing. *Semler testimony; Pet'r Ex. 1, 2.*
- e) In developing his sales comparison approach, Mr. Semler selected five comparable properties located within a mile from the subject property. The properties sold between May 11, 2015, and March 28, 2017. The sale prices ranged from \$15,000 to \$25,500. Adjustments were made to account for condition, site, gross living area, bathrooms, lack of garage, and appliances. ⁴ Based on this approach, Mr. Semler calculated the value to be \$20,000. *Semler testimony; Pet'r Ex. 2*.
- f) Mr. Semler also developed an income approach using the GRM method. He multiplied the subject property's monthly income of \$1,295 by the GRM of 16 to arrive at a value of \$20,720. He gave little to no weight to the income approach in his appraisal. *Semler testimony; Pet'r Ex. 2.*
- g) Mr. Semler gave greater weight to the sales comparison approach and ultimately reached a final estimate of value of \$20,000 as of December 13, 2017. *Semler testimony; Pet'r Ex. 2.*
- h) In response to questioning about the appraisal, Mr. Semler testified his GRM was based on his "best guess." He further stated he "could tell you something like I arrived at that through analysis, but that would be implying something that I don't believe." With that being said, Mr. Semler testified he did not rely on the GRM in his final value estimate. Mr. Semler also stated that vacancy rates for his comparable properties would have "very little, if any" impact on his final estimate of value because buyers of this type of property know the lease is almost meaningless. *Semler testimony*.
- i) Mr. Semler explained that he also presented the PTABOA with an appraisal on the subject property valuing the property at \$20,000 as of December 13, 2017. Included in the PTABOA appraisal was the \$15,000 sale of the 211 North 17th Street property. This sale was not included in the appraisal provided to the Board. According to Mr.

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⁴ Mr. Semler testified he neglected to apply a \$2,000 adjustment to comparable 4 for the lack of a garage.

Semler, this particular property is owned by the Petitioner and was included in the PTABOA appraisal by mistake. Mr. Semler claimed he inadvertently cloned it in the appraisal submitted to the PTABOA. Upon discovering the error he removed the sale from the appraisal submitted to the Board. Mr. Semler testified that removing this "dog" sale from the appraisal presented to the Board has no effect on his final estimate of value. Semler testimony (referencing Resp't Ex. G, I); Pet'r Ex. 2.

j) Mr. Semler testified that his bathroom fixture adjustments for full bathrooms ranged from \$1,000 to \$2,500 and for half bathrooms ranged from \$500 to \$1,000. He claims the amount of the adjustment was based on the size and style of the bathroom. However, in response to questioning, he admitted the bathroom adjustments are a little inconsistent. *Semler testimony; Pet'r Ex. 2.*

14. Summary of the Respondent's case:

- a) The subject property is correctly assessed. The property was valued at \$49,300 in 2018 using the income capitalization approach. *Engle argument; Perry testimony; Resp't Ex. A.*
- b) In an effort to support the current assessment, Mr. Perry also calculated the value using the GRM method and sale per unit price approach. Mr. Perry pointed out that while the GRM is the preferred method for assessing rental properties of four units or less, it is not the exclusive method. He claims GRMs will vary from neighborhood to neighborhood, but when only one "umbrella type" GRM is developed it gives too much weight to a bad neighborhood when establishing property values. *Perry testimony*.
- c) Mr. Perry analyzed six comparable properties, three of which were also used in the Petitioner's appraisal. The properties sold from May 14, 2015, to August 31, 2017, and are located within 1.2 miles from the subject property. He applied a conservative 2% per year appreciation for the time adjustment to the properties that sold in 2015 and 2016. Next, he divided the adjusted sale price by the number of units to arrive at a price per unit. He also calculated the sale price per bedroom. The median rent per multi-unit of \$425 was calculated using rental sheets collected in the Assessor's office. The GRM was calculated by dividing the sale price by the total median rent for each comparable property from confidential information provided to the Assessor. *Perry testimony; Resp't Ex. B, F.*
- d) Mr. Perry also pointed out that while researching sales of rental properties, he found that when rental properties were fully occupied at the time they sold, normally they sold for more than those that were half-occupied or vacant. For example, the property located at 721 Spring Street was fully occupied at the time of sale and sold on July 14, 2016, for \$43,605. While the property located at 1513 South 20th Street was vacant on the sale date of March 16, 2016, and sold for \$15,000. According to Mr. Perry, an investor would be "more likely" to buy, and pay more for, a rental property with leases in place. *Perry testimony; Resp't Ex. B.*

- e) Using the GRM method, Mr. Perry determined a value of \$34,500 for the subject property as of January 1, 2018. His sales approach per unit yielded a value of \$33,000. *Perry testimony; Resp't Ex. B*.
- f) The Petitioner's appraisal is flawed for the following reasons:
 - The appraiser used properties that sold in 2015, 2016, and early 2017, but failed to adjust the sales to the January 1, 2018, valuation date.
 - The appraiser failed to identify whether the comparable properties used in his appraisal were vacant at the time of sale.
 - The appraisal indicates the property located at 1503 South 20th Street sold on November 23, 2015, for \$22,000. This same property sold on August 7, 2017, for \$55,000. But the appraiser failed to use the later sale even though the effective date of the appraisal was December 13, 2017.
 - The appraiser made inconsistent site adjustments to the comparable properties. For example, comparables 3, 4, 5, and 6 are on sites that are 41 to 3,879 square feet larger than the subject property. The appraiser makes an adjustment of \$1,000 regardless of size of the comparable property. Mr. Perry claims that rather than make any site adjustment the appraiser should compare the subject property and comparable properties based on a per unit rental basis, because a potential investor would be buying the property based on its potential income rather than the site.
 - The appraisal shows inconsistencies in the adjustments for the differences in the half and full bathrooms.
 - The appraisal shows inconsistencies in the adjustment made for the lack of a garage. The subject property has a one-car garage, whereas the comparable properties do not have garages. On comparable properties 1, 2, and 3 the adjustment for the lack of garage is \$1,000. On comparable property 4 there is no adjustment for lack of a garage. Finally, comparable property 5 has a \$2,000 adjustment for the lack of a garage.⁵ According to Mr. Perry, omitting a \$1,000 adjustment for lack of a garage on a \$15,000 sale price is material to the adjusted sale price and ultimately the final estimate of value.
 - Mr. Semler failed to provide supporting documentation, such as the sales disclosure forms or property record cards to show the comparable properties used in his appraisal report are similar to the subject property. In addition, he

⁵ Respondent's Exhibit J, four appraisal reports prepared by Mr. Semler, indicate his appraisals often include inconsistent adjustments for the lack of a garage. *Resp't Ex. J.*

"admitted" the GRM used in his appraisal report was a "wild" or "best" guess. Therefore, his statements are merely conclusory.

Engle argument (referencing Pet'r Ex. 2); Perry testimony; Resp't Ex. G, H, I.

Burden of Proof

- 15. Generally, the taxpayer has the burden to prove that an assessment is incorrect and what the correct assessment should be. *See Meridian Towers East & West v. Washington Twp. Ass'r*, 805 N.E.2d 475, 478 (Ind. Tax Ct. 2003); *see also Clark v. State Bd. of Tax Comm'rs*, 694 N.E2d 1230 (Ind. Tax Ct. 1998). The burden-shifting statute as amended by P.L. 97-2014 creates two exception to that rule.
- 16. First, Ind. Code § 6-1.1-15-17.2 "applies to any review or appeal of an assessment under this chapter if the assessment that is the subject of the review or appeal is an increase of more than five percent (5%) over the assessment for the same property for the prior tax year." Ind. Code § 6-1.1-15-17.2(a). "Under this section, the county assessor or township assessor making the assessment has the burden of proving that the assessment is correct in any review or appeal under this chapter and in any appeal taken to the Indiana board of tax review or to the Indiana tax court." Ind. Code § 6-1.1-15-17.2(b).
- 17. Second, Ind. Code § 6-1.1-15-17.2(d) "applies to real property for which the gross assessed value of the real property was reduced by the assessing official or reviewing authority in an appeal conducted under IC 6-1.1-15." Under those circumstances, "if the gross assessed value of real property for an assessment date that follows the latest assessment date that was the subject for an appeal described in this subsection is increased above the gross assessed value of the real property for the latest assessment date covered by the appeal, regardless of the amount of the increase, the county assessor or township assessor (if any) making the assessment has the burden of proving that the assessment is correct." Ind. Code § 6-1.1-15-17.2(d). The assessor may also have the burden of proof if the assessment increased by any amount after a taxpayer successfully appealed the prior year's assessment, unless the assessor valued the property using the income capitalization approach. This change was effective March 25, 2014, and has application to all appeals pending before the Board.
- 18. Here, according to the property record card the assessed value of the subject property increased by more than 5% from 2017 to 2018. In fact, the total assessment increased from \$25,200 in 2017 to \$49,300 in 2018. The Respondent argued that the burden shifting provision does not apply because the subject property was valued using the income capitalization approach. Our ALJ preliminarily ruled that the Petitioner bore the burden of proof. But the income capitalization exception the Respondent relied on only relieves an assessor of the burden of proof if the burden is shifting under subsection 17.2(d). Here, there is no evidence indicating the Petitioner successfully appealed its 2017 assessment. And valuing the property using the income capitalization approach does not prevent the burden from shifting under subsections 17.2(a) and (b). Because the subject property's assessment increased by more than 5% between 2017 and 2018, the

Respondent bears the burden of proof. To the extent the Petitioner requests an assessment below the 2017 level of \$25,200 it has the burden to prove the lower value.

Analysis

- 19. The Respondent failed to make a prima facie case. To the extent the Petitioner sought a lower value, it made a prima facie case for lowering the assessment to the value indicated in its appraisal.
 - a) Indiana assesses real property based on its "true tax value," which is determined under the rules of the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). Ind. Code § 6-1.1-31-5(a); Ind. Code § 6-1.1-31-6(f). "True tax value" does not mean either "fair market value" or "the value of the property to the user." Ind. Code § 6-1.1-31-6(c) and (e). In accordance with these statutory directives, the DLGF defines "true tax value" as "market value-in-use," which it in turn defines as "[t]he market value-in-use of a property for its current use, as reflected by the utility received by the owner or by a similar user, from the property." 2011 REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT MANUAL at 2.
 - b) The cost, sales-comparison, and income approaches are three generally accepted ways to determine true tax value. MANUAL at 2. In an assessment appeal, parties may offer any evidence relevant to a property's true tax value, including appraisals prepared in accordance with generally accepted appraisal principles. *Id.* at 3; *Eckerling v. Wayne Twp. Ass'r*, 841 N.E.2d 674, 678 (Ind. Tax Ct. 2006) (reiterating that a market value-in-use appraisal that complies with USPAP is the most effective method for rebutting an assessment's presumed accuracy). Regardless of the method used, a party must explain how the evidence relates to the relevant valuation date. *O'Donnell v. Dep't of Local Gov't Fin.*, 854 N.E.2d 90, 95 (Ind. Tax Ct. 2006); *see also Long v. Wayne Twp. Ass'r*, 821 N.E.2d 466, 471 (In. Tax Ct. 2005). For 2018 assessments, the valuation date was January 1, 2018. *See* Ind. Code § 6-1.1-2-1.5.
 - c) The burden was on the Respondent to prove the 2018 assessment is correct. In an effort to support the current assessment, the Respondent claimed the property was valued based on the income capitalization approach. However, the Respondent failed to present any evidence of the rents used, vacancy rates, expenses deducted, or any reference to the capitalization rate utilized in developing the assessment. As part of making a prima facie case "it is the taxpayer's duty to walk the [Board] through every element of [its] analysis." *Long*, 821 N.E.2d at 471 (quoting *Clark v. Dep't of Local Gov't Fin.*, 779 N.E.2d 1277, 1282 n. 4 (Ind. Tax Ct. 2002)). This requirement applies equally to an assessor bearing the burden. In this case, the Respondent failed to adequately explain how it arrived at its opinion of value using the income capitalization approach it employed.
 - d) The GRM, as the Respondent pointed out, is the "preferred" method of valuing properties with between one and four residential rental units. Ind. Code § 6-1.1-4-39(b). Indiana has not defined the term GRM by statute or regulation, but it is a

- commonly used appraisal term. The GRM method develops an income multiplier by looking to market data for sales of comparable income-producing properties and calculates the ratio of the sale price to the gross income at the time of sale. An opinion of value can then be calculated by multiplying the GRM by the annual income base for the subject property.
- e) The GRM eliminates the complex value adjustments required by the salescomparison approach by assuming differences between the properties are reflected in their respective rental rates. However, in order to derive and apply a reliable GRM for valuation purposes the properties analyzed must still be comparable to the subject property and to one another in terms of physical, location, and investment characteristics. To establish that properties are comparable, a party must identify the characteristics of the subject property and explain how those characteristics compare to the characteristics of the purportedly comparable properties. *Long*, 821 N.E.2d at 471. Specific reasons must be provided as to why a proponent believes a property is comparable. Conclusory statements that a property is "similar" or "comparable" to another property do not constitute probative evidence of the comparability of two properties. *Id.* at 470.
- f) The Respondent presented an income approach utilizing the GRM method. While the GRM method can produce reliable results, the income data used must be consistent. In this case, however, the Respondent failed to establish that the rental rates relied on to calculate the multiplier were reflective of the same type of income data.
- g) Other than providing a basic description of the six purportedly comparable properties used to calculate the multiplier and median rent, the Respondent did little to identify their relevant characteristics or compare them to the subject property. Furthermore, while the properties may all be rentals, the Respondent failed to offer any meaningful testimony regarding their investment characteristics. In light of these considerations, the Respondent's GRM calculation lacks probative value.
- h) The Respondent also presented a sale price per unit calculation relying on six purportedly comparable properties. This calculation resulted in a total value of \$33,000. A sales comparison approach "estimates the total value of the property directly by comparing it to similar, or comparable, properties that have sold in the market." MANUAL at 3. In order to effectively use the sale-comparison approach as evidence in property assessment appeals, the proponent must establish the comparability of the properties being examined. Conclusory statements that a property is "similar" or "comparable" to another property do not constitute probative evidence of the comparability of the two properties. *Long*, 821 N.E.2d at 470. Instead, the proponent must identify the characteristics of the subject property and explain how those characteristics compare to the characteristics of the purportedly comparable properties. *Id.* at 471. Similarly, the proponent must explain how any differences between the properties affect their relative market values-in-use.

- i) While Mr. Perry considered six properties located in close proximity to the subject property, he failed to offer sufficient evidence relating their specific features and amenities to the subject property. More importantly, Mr. Perry made no attempt to make adjustments for any relevant differences between the subject property and the comparable properties. Mr. Perry's evidentiary presentation therefore falls short of providing the level of analysis contemplated by *Long*.
- j) For these reasons, the Respondent failed to make a prima facie case that the 2018 assessment is correct. The Petitioner is therefore entitled to have the 2018 assessment reduced to its 2017 level of \$25,200. That does not end the Board's inquiry, however, because the Petitioner is seeking a lower value.
- k) The Petitioner offered a USPAP-compliant appraisal performed by certified general appraiser Daniel Semler. In completing his appraisal, Mr. Semler developed the sales comparison approach and income approach. He ultimately valued the property at \$20,000 as of December 13, 2017. Even though the appraisal's effective date is approximately 18 days prior to the relevant valuation date, it is close enough to be probative. An appraisal performed in conformance with generally recognized appraisal principles is often enough to establish a prima facie case. *Meridian Towers*, 805 N.E.2d at 479.
- In an effort to impeach the appraisal, the Respondent argued the appraisal was flawed for the following reasons: Mr. Semler did not identify whether the comparable properties were rented or vacant at the time of sale; he failed to time adjust the comparable properties' sale dates to date of appraisal; his comparable properties' site sizes and lack of garage adjustments were inconsistent; and he used an incorrect sale price on the comparable property located at 1503 South 20th Street. The Board will examine these criticisms in turn.
- m) The Board agrees that Mr. Semler's adjustments and lack of detail regarding purportedly comparable properties hurts his credibility. The Respondent mainly criticized the appraisal report on the grounds that Mr. Semler used an incorrect sale price on the property located at 1503 South 20th Street. Mr. Semler used a November 23, 2015, sale price of \$22,000; however, the Respondent's evidence indicates this property sold again on August 7, 2017, for \$55,000. Mr. Semler did not provide a reason for not utilizing the more recent sale. But the Respondent failed to provide any evidence this fact would change the final opinion of value, or offer any probative evidence to prove a more accurate value conclusion.
- n) The Respondent also argued Mr. Semler failed to supply substantial evidence on why he applied inconsistent adjustments for the various site sizes and lack of garages. Making adjustments is a normal part of the appraisal process and well within the expertise of a licensed appraiser. The Board recognizes that the appraisal process requires expertise and most often involves issues that are a matter of opinion, rather than questions with a correct or incorrect answer. With that being said, the inconsistencies in adjustments detract from Mr. Semler's credibility greatly.

- o) The Respondent also criticized Mr. Semler for not researching the occupancy of his purportedly comparable properties. In response, Mr. Semler stated that vacancy rates for his comparable properties would have "very little, if any" impact on his final estimate of value because buyers of this type of property know the lease is almost meaningless. While this seems vague, it is within the expertise of a licensed appraisal to make an assertion such as this. The Board presumes this is a reference to the credit-worthiness of tenants in a typical converted triplex.
- p) The Respondent also argued Mr. Semler did not time adjust the sales of the purportedly comparable properties to the relevant valuation date. While Mr. Semler did not time adjust any of the sales, he opined that no appreciation is warranted on these types of properties. Again, this is well within the expertise of a licensed appraiser. While the Board agrees the appraisal has flaws, and Mr. Semler's credibility was called into question, the USPAP-complaint appraisal is still probative evidence of its value. Additionally, the Respondent failed to offer any probative evidence that would have led to a different value conclusion, the Respondent merely attempted to poke holes in the appraisal.
- q) Consequently, the Respondent failed to impeach or rebut the appraisal. Thus, the Board finds the appraisal the most probative evidence of the subject property's value.

Conclusion

20. The Respondent had the burden of proving the 2018 assessment was correct. The Respondent failed to make a prima facie case and the assessment must be reduced to the previous year's level of \$25,200. The Petitioner sought a lower value and made a prima facie case by presenting a USPAP-compliant appraisal. Accordingly, the 2018 assessment must be reduced to the appraised value of \$20,000.

Final Determination

In accordance with the above findings and conclusions, the 2018 assessment must be reduced to \$20,000.

SSUED: September 17, 2019	
Chairman, Indiana Board of Tax Review	
Commissioner, Indiana Board of Tax Review	
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You may petition for judicial review of this final determination under the provisions of Indiana Code § 6-1.1-15-5 and the Indiana Tax Court's rules. To initiate a proceeding for judicial review you must take the action required not later than forty-five (45) days after the date of this notice. The Indiana Code is available on the Internet at http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code. The Indiana Tax Court's rules are available at http://www.in.gov/judiciary/rules/tax/index.html.