

FILE NO. 72926

February 24, 1941

Mr. George E. Finok
Sewerage Engineer
Bureau of Sewers
Municipal Office Building
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mr. Finok:

Your communication, dated February 19, 1941, addressed to the City Solicitor, relative to the bid of The Square Construction Company on Sanitary Contract No. 334, has been referred to me for attention.

An examination of the two copies of the proposal filed with the City discloses:

- (a) That no bid price was inserted in the original proposal for Item No. 2;
- (b) That the unit price of \$34.00 in numerals only (the words "Thirty Four" being eliminated by a line drawn through them) was inserted in the duplicate copy of the proposal for Item No. 2;
- (c) That the extended amount indicated in the duplicate copy of the proposal for Item No. 2 is mathematically incorrect because such extended amount is \$136.00 more than it should be;
- (d) That the total bid price, including the said error of \$136.00, for the entire contract as shown in both the original and the duplicate copy of the proposal includes the amount bid in the duplicate copy of the proposal for Item No. 2, and
- (e) That there is a substantial difference between the bid price of this bidder and the next highest bidder.

While the specifications, which form a part of the proposed contract, provide, that bidders shall bid on all items, that proposals shall be made in duplicate, and that bid prices shall be in words and numerals, the specifications also authorize the Board of Awards to waive technical defects in the proposals, as it may deem best for the interest of the City.