



**HICKSVILLE UNION CEMETERY
DEFIANCE COUNTY**

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999-1998



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STATE OF OHIO

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

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Defiance County
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Hicksville Union Cemetery, Defiance County, Ohio, (the Cemetery) as of and for the years ended December 31, 1999 and 1998. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Cemetery's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the Cemetery prepares its financial statements on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of the Cemetery as of December 31, 1999 and 1998, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 19, 2000, on our consideration of the Cemetery's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees, and other officials authorized to receive this report under § 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Jim Petro
Auditor of State

June 19, 2000

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**HICKSVILLE UNION CEMETERY
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
 ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999**

	<u>Governmental Fund Type</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Intergovernmental	\$21,000		\$21,000
Charges for Services	4,150		4,150
Sale of Lots	1,965		1,965
Interest and Dividends	1,379	\$198	1,577
Miscellaneous	7		7
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Total Cash Receipts	28,501	198	28,699
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
Salaries	16,615		16,615
Supplies	530		530
Contracts - Repair	301		301
Contracts - Services	5,523		5,523
Workers' Compensation	984		984
Miscellaneous	309		309
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Total Cash Disbursements	24,262		24,262
Total Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	4,239	198	4,437
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):			
Transfers-In		703	703
Transfers-Out	(703)		(703)
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Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(703)	703	
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	3,536	901	4,437
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	44,687	22,274	66,961
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<hr/> \$48,223 <hr/>	<hr/> \$23,175 <hr/>	<hr/> \$71,398 <hr/>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**HICKSVILLE UNION CEMETERY
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
 ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998**

	<u>Governmental Fund Type</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Intergovernmental	\$21,000		\$21,000
Charges for Services	5,760		5,760
Sale of Lots	5,775		5,775
Interest and Dividends	1,623	\$368	1,991
Miscellaneous	1,399		1,399
Total Cash Receipts	<u>35,557</u>	<u>368</u>	<u>35,925</u>
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
Salaries	17,326		17,326
Supplies	1,099		1,099
Equipment	3,091		3,091
Contracts - Repair	809		809
Contracts - Services	9,821		9,821
Workers' Compensation	277		277
Miscellaneous	353		353
Capital Outlay	1,726		1,726
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>34,502</u>		<u>34,502</u>
Total Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements	1,055	368	1,423
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>43,632</u>	<u>21,906</u>	<u>65,538</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$44,687</u>	<u>\$22,274</u>	<u>\$66,961</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**HICKSVILLE UNION CEMETERY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Hicksville Union Cemetery, Defiance County (the Cemetery) is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Cemetery is directed by an appointed three-member Board of Trustees. The Board is appointed by the Hicksville Township Trustees and Hicksville Village Council. These entities also provide funding to meet the Cemetery's operating costs under the agreement which established the Cemetery. The Cemetery provides grounds maintenance, opening and closing of graves, and the sale of grave lots.

The Cemetery's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Cemetery is financially accountable.

B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. Cash

Certificates of deposit are valued at cost.

D. Fund Accounting

The Cemetery uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The Cemetery classifies its funds into the following types:

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Fiduciary Funds (Trust Funds)

This fund is used to account for resources restricted by legally binding trust agreements.

Endowment Fund - A nonexpendable trust fund which receives a portion of the receipts from all grave sales. The fund is to be used for Cemetery maintenance costs after all grave lots have been sold.

**HICKSVILLE UNION CEMETERY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998
(Continued)**

E. Property, Plant and Equipment

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as capital outlay disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

The Cemetery maintains a cash pool used by all funds. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits. The carrying amount of cash at December 31 follows:

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
Demand deposits	\$58,398	\$53,961
Certificates of deposit	<u>13,000</u>	<u>13,000</u>
Total deposits	<u>\$71,398</u>	<u>\$66,961</u>

Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

3. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Cemetery's employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 1999 and 1998, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Cemetery contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries. The Cemetery has paid all contributions required through December 31, 1999.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Cemetery has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability
- Vehicles and Equipment
- Errors and omissions



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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL
REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Hicksville Union Cemetery, Defiance County, Ohio, (the Cemetery) as of and for the years ended December 31, 1999 and 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated June 19, 2000. We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Cemetery's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audits and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Cemetery in a separate letter dated June 19, 2000.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audits, we considered the Cemetery's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted a matter involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Cemetery's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. The reportable condition is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 1999-30120-001.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we do not believe the reportable condition described above is a material weakness. We also noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Cemetery in a separate letter dated June 19, 2000.

This report is intended for the information and use of management and the Board of Trustees, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Jim Petro
Auditor of State

June 19, 2000

**HICKSVILLE UNION CEMETERY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998**

**FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

FINDING NUMBER 1999-30120-001

Reportable Condition

Sound accounting practices require regular and thorough monitoring of the Cemetery's financial activity by management. This ensures that financial data is accurately presented and helps to ensure that resources are being efficiently and effectively utilized. The Trustees' review of Cemetery finances was limited to the annual financial report. This procedure does not allow the Trustees to adequately monitor the financial position of the Cemetery. We recommend that the Clerk provide the Trustees with monthly financial reports which include at least the following information: 1) month-to-date and year-to-date receipt and disbursement totals, 2) monthly bills paid, 3) the balance in each individual fund, and 4) the monthly bank reconciliation. The Trustees should use the reports as a tool to monitor the Cemetery's financial situation.



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DEFIANCE COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
JULY 13, 2000**