



**GREENMOUND UNION CEMETERY DISTRICT
DARKE COUNTY**

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Greenmound Union Cemetery District, Darke County, (the Cemetery) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999. 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 audit.

We conducted our audit 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 audit 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 audit provides 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 fund cash balance of the Cemetery as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, and its 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 May 9, 2001, 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. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management, 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.

Jim Petro
Auditor of State

May 9, 2001

**GREENMOUND UNION CEMETERY DISTRICT
DARKE COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

Cash Receipts:

Local Taxes	\$4,620
Intergovernmental	533
Sale of Lots	7,755
Cemetery Fees	1,610
Interest	<u>567</u>

Total Cash Receipts 15,085

Cash Disbursements:

Current:	
Salaries	8,822
Repairs and Maintenance	4,115
Capital Outlay	<u>3,469</u>

Total Disbursements 16,406

Total Receipts (Under) Disbursements (1,321)

Fund cash balance, January 1 17,203

Fund Cash Balance, December 31 \$15,882

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

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**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999**

Cash Receipts:	
Local Taxes	\$3,678
Intergovernmental	431
Sale of Lots	3,240
Cemetery Fees	9,140
Interest	640
Miscellaneous	<u>138</u>
Total Cash Receipts	<u>17,267</u>
Cash Disbursements:	
Current:	
Salaries	7,562
Repairs and Maintenance	5,513
Capital Outlay	<u>3,570</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>16,645</u>
Total Receipts Over Disbursements	622
Fund cash balance, January 1	<u>16,581</u>
Fund Cash Balance, December 31	<u><u>\$17,203</u></u>

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

**GREENMOUND UNION CEMETERY DISTRICT
DARKE COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Greenmound Union Cemetery District, Darke 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 Village of New Madison and Harrison Township. The Cemetery receives property tax revenue from residents of both the Village and Township for its operation and upkeep. 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. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

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

C. Cash and Investments

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 fund as the following type:

1. General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Cemetery. It is used to account for all Cemetery financial resources.

E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund (except certain agency funds) be budgeted annually.

1. Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function or object level of control and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board annually approves an appropriation measure and any subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus unencumbered cash as of January 1.

3. Encumbrances

The Cemetery reserves (encumbers) appropriations when commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2000 and 1999 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. 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 AND INVESTMENTS

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

	2000	1999
Demand deposits	\$ 4,069	\$ 5,845
Certificates of deposit	11,813	11,358
Total deposits and investments	\$ 15,882	\$ 17,203

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2000 and 1999 follows:

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 17,335	\$ 15,085	\$ (2,250)

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 32,691	\$ 16,406	\$ 16,285

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999
(Continued)**

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 16,400	\$ 17,267	\$ 867

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 28,450	\$ 16,645	\$ 11,805

4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by the Board. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. Homestead and rollback amounts are then paid by the State, and are reflected in the accompanying financial statements as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to make semiannual payment, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the County by each April 30.

The County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Cemetery.

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Cemetery's employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This 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. PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Cemetery contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for January 1999 through June 2000 and an amount equal to 8.13% of participants' gross salaries for July through December 2000. The Cemetery has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2000.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Cemetery has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999
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7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Two individuals were employed by the Cemetery who are the relatives of a Cemetery Board member during 2000 and 1999. These individuals performed various grounds maintenance and foundation services to the Cemetery. The Cemetery paid \$3,222 during 2000, and \$2,137 during 1999 for these services.



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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 Greenmound Union Cemetery District, Darke County, (the Cemetery), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, and have issued our report thereon dated May 9, 2001. We conducted our audit 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 audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2000-30319-001 and 2000-30319-002. We also noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Cemetery in a separate letter dated May 9, 2001.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, 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. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. 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. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we 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 May 9, 2001.

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This report is intended for the information and use of the management and 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

May 9, 2001

**GREENMOUND UNION CEMETERY DISTRICT
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**SCHEDULE OF FINDING
DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999**

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS
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FINDING NUMBER 2000-30319-001

Finding for Recovery

Ohio Rev. Code Section 759.31 states that, "A board of union cemetery trustees may fix the compensation of the members thereof, and such compensation shall be in accordance with the time actually consumed by such members in the discharge of their official duties, but such compensation shall not exceed fifteen dollars for each meeting nor exceed one hundred eighty dollars per year."

During 2000 and 1999, Board Member Harold Definbaugh was paid \$165 in excess of the above limitation based on the number of meetings attended. During 1999, Mr. Definbaugh was paid \$240 for attending ten meetings which represented an overpayment of \$90. During 2000, Mr. Definbaugh was paid \$240 for attending eleven meetings which represented an overpayment of \$75.

Based on the foregoing facts and in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.28, a finding for recovery is hereby returned against Harold Defibaugh, Board Member, in the amount of One hundred and Sixty-five Dollars (\$165) in favor of the Greenmound Union Cemetery District General Fund.

The finding was repaid to the Cemetery under audit by Mr. Defibaugh on May 23, 2001.

FINDING NUMBER 2000-30319-002

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41 (D), provides that no subdivision or taxing unit shall make any contract or give any order involving the expenditure of money without attaching thereto the certificate of the fiscal officer of the subdivision that the amount required to meet the same in the fiscal year in which the contract is made has been lawfully appropriated for such purpose and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances. Contracts and orders for expenditures lacking prior certification should be null and void.

This section also provides an exception to this requirement:

If no certificate is issued at the time the contract or order is entered into, the fiscal officer may later certify that these funds were properly appropriated and in the treasury or in the process of collection and such funds are free from previous encumbrance both at the time the contract or order was entered into and at the time of payment. After certifying this, the fiscal officer may proceed to pay for such order or contract. If the amount involved is over \$1,000, the taxing authority must approve of such payment within 30 days of the date of the fiscal officer's certification.

Thirteen percent of the disbursement transactions for 1999 and 2000 were not certified prior to incurring the obligation and the exception was not utilized. The failure to certify the availability of fund prior to incurring the obligation could result in negative fund balances and/or deficit spending by the Cemetery.

The Cemetery should develop policies to improve compliance with the certification requirement.



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DARKE 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
JUNE 12, 2001**