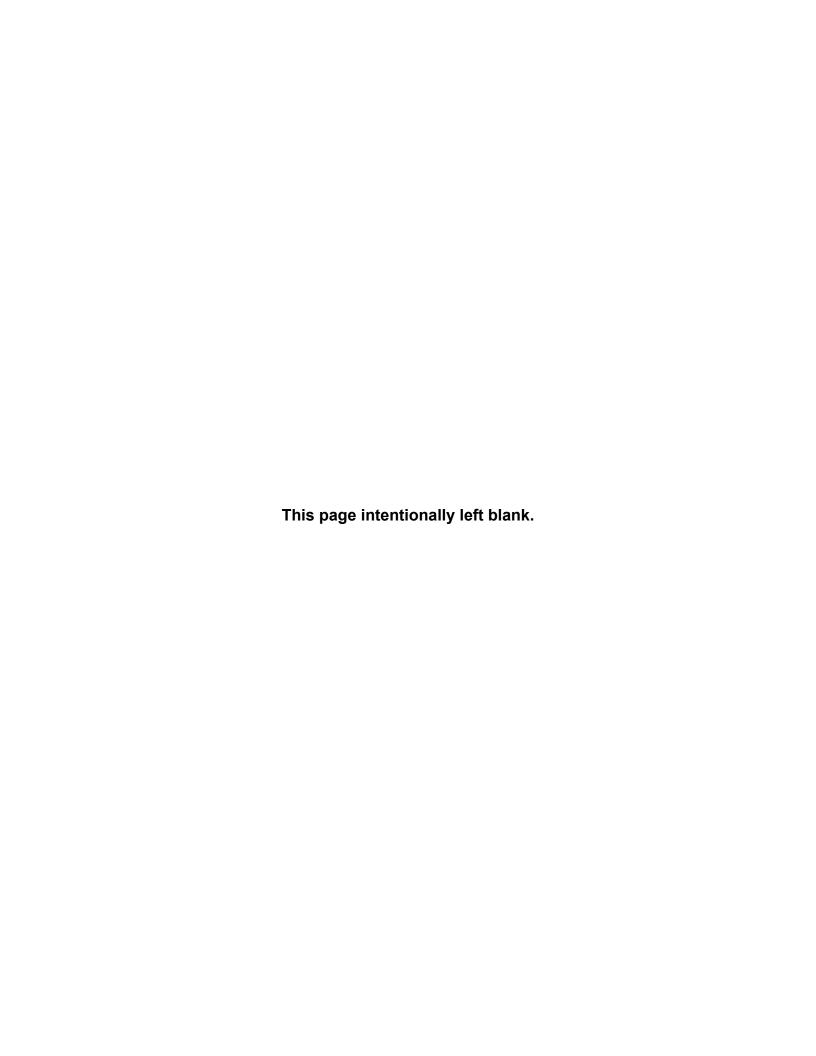




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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Evergreen Union Cemetery Pike County 133 Columbia Drive Waverly, Ohio 45690

To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Unmodified and Adverse Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the Evergreen Union Cemetery, Pike County, Ohio (the Cemetery), which comprises the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements for the General fund as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for General fund as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions which Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit, described in Note 2.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Cemetery, as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, or the changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Cemetery, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 2 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the Cemetery on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 2 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Cemetery's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to
 fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures
 include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial
 statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures
 that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the
 effectiveness of the Cemetery's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that
 raise substantial doubt about the Cemetery's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable
 period of time.

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We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 4, 2023, 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 grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cemetery's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Cemetery's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

October 4, 2023

Evergreen Union Cemetery

Pike County

Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis) All Governmental Fund Types

For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	General	
Cash Receipts		
Charges for Services	\$	43,100
Lots for Sales		21,300
Intergovernmental		233,674
Earnings on Investments		433
Total Cash Receipts		298,507
Cash Disbursements		
Current:		
Salaries		191,765
Supplies		3,979
Contracts - Repair		148,443
Contracts - Services		30,860
Public Employees' Retirement		22,286
Workers' Compensation		1,587
Miscellaneous		3,486
Total Cash Disbursements		402,406
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(103,899)
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)		
Other Financing Uses		(25,827)
Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)		(25,827)
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances		(129,726)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		365,042
Fund Cash Balances, December 31		235,316

Note 1 - Reporting Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges for the Evergreen Union Cemetery, Pike County, and (the Cemetery), Pee Pee Township and the Village of Waverly appoint a three-member Board of Trustees to direct cemetery operations. These entities also levy a property tax on behalf of the Cemetery to meet the Cemetery's operating costs under the agreement which established the Cemetery. The accompany financial statements classify the tax as Intergovernmental receipts., The Cemetery provides grounds maintenanceopening and closing of graves and the sale of lots.

The Cemetery's management believes this financial statement presents all activities for which the Cemetery is financially accountable.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administration Code Section 117-2-03(0). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursement accounting basis. The Board recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117- 2-03(0) permit,

B. Basis of Presentation

The Cemetery's financial statement consists of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) all governmental fund types which are organized on a fund type basis.

C. Deposits and Investments

The Cemetery's accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains and losses at the time of sales receipts or disbursements, respectively.

D. Fund Accounting

The Cemetery uses fund accounting to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The Cemetery classifies its funds into the following types:

General Fund

The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources.

E. Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Cemetery must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental fund resources. The classification are as follows:

1. Nonspendable

The Cemetery classifies assets as nonspendable when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

2. Restricted

Fund balance is restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt convenants), granters, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

3. Committed

Trustees can commit amounts via formal action (resolution). The Cemetery must adhere to these commitments unless the Trustees amend the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

4. Assigned

Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed.

5. Unassigned

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and included amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The Cemetery applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fun balance classifications could be used.

F. Capital Assets

The Cemetery records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

G. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not report unpaid vacation.

Note 3 - Deposits

The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of Deposits and investments at December 31 was as follows:

2022

Demand Deposits \$133,316
Certificates of Deposit \$102,000
Total Deposits \$235,316

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Cemetery.

Note 4 - Defined Pension Plans

Ohio Public Employees Retirement

Cemetery employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10 percent of their gross salaries, and the Cemetery contributed an amount equaling 14 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Cemetery has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2022.

Note 5 - Postemployment Benefits

OPERS offers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plan, which includes multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, and deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement, to qualifying benefit recipients. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the traditional pension plan and combined plan was 0 percent during calendar year 2022. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent during calendar year 2022.

Note 6 - Risk Management

Workers' Compensation

Workers' Compensation coverage is provided by the State of Ohio. The Cemetery pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based on a rate per \$100 of salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs.

Commercial Insurance

The Cemetery has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability
- Vehicles: and
- Errors and omissions.

Note 7 - COVID-19

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's state of emergency ended in June, 2021 while the national state of emergency continues. During 2022, the Cemetery did not receive COVID-19 funding. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Cemetery. The impact on the Cemetery's future operating costs, revenues, and additional recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

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Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis) All Governmental Fund Types For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	General	
Cash Receipts	Φ.	40.075
Charges for Services Sale of Lots	\$	40,075 33,300
Intergovernmental		234,551
Earnings on Investments		1,054
Total Cook Descripts		200.000
Total Cash Receipts		308,980
Cash Disbursements		
Current:		
Salaries		168,030
Supplies Contractor Bonoin		4,150
Contracts - Repair Contracts - Services		63,335
Public Employees' Retirement		30,313 21,483
Workers Compensation		496
Miscellaneous		2,743
Total Cash Disbursements		290,550
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		18,430
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)		
Other Financing Uses		(4,250)
Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)		(4,250)
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances		14,180
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		350,862
Fund Cash Balances, December 31		365,042

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Note 3 – Deposits

The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of Deposits and investments at December 31 was as follows:

2021

Demand Deposits \$263,373
Certificates of Deposit \$101,669
Total Deposits \$365,042

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Cemetery.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Evergreen Union Cemetery Pike County 133 Columbia Drive Waverly, Ohio 45690

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements for the General fund as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements of the Evergreen Union Cemetery, Pike County, (the Cemetery) and have issued our report thereon dated October 4, 2023, wherein we noted the Cemetery followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code 117-2-03(C) permit.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Cemetery's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cemetery's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cemetery's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Cemetery's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Cemetery's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cemetery's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Cemetery's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

October 4, 2023



EVERGREEN UNION CEMETERY

PIKE COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



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