



**BRYN-ZION CEMETERY
MORROW COUNTY**

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999 - 1998



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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 Bryn Zion Cemetery, Morrow County, Ohio, (the Cemetery) as of and for the years ended December 31, 1999 and December 31, 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 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, 1999 and December 31, 1998, 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 April 20, 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

April 20, 2000

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

	General
Cash Receipts:	
Intergovernmental	\$3,642
Charges for Services	3,075
Sale of Lots	2,000
Interest	680
Total Cash Receipts	9,397
Cash Disbursements:	
Current:	
Salaries and Benefits	2,835
Supplies and Equipment	1,182
Contractual Services	7,685
Total Disbursements	11,702
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(2,305)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	17,075
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$14,770

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

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS,
AND CHANGE IN FUND CASH BALANCE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998**

	General
Cash Receipts:	
Intergovernmental	\$3,642
Charges for Services	4,745
Sale of Lots	2,025
Interest	751
Total Cash Receipts	11,163
Cash Disbursements:	
Current:	
Salaries and Benefits	2,255
Supplies and Equipment	829
Contractual Services	5,462
Total Disbursements	8,546
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	2,617
Fund Cash Balance, January 1	14,458
Fund Cash Balance, December 31	\$17,075

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

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Bryn Zion Cemetery, Morrow County, Ohio, (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. One Board member is appointed by the Trustees of each of Congress Township, Franklin Township, and Gilead Township. 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 and Investments

Certificates of deposit are valued at cost.

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

D. 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.

E. Fund Accounting

The Cemetery uses fund accounting to segregate cash that is restricted to use. The Cemetery classifies its fund into the following fund type:

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required by law or contract to be restricted.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND DECEMBER 31, 1998
(Continued)

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:

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
Demand deposits	\$ 1,770	\$ 4,075
Certificate of deposit	<u>13,000</u>	<u>13,000</u>
Total deposits	<u><u>14,770</u></u>	<u><u>17,075</u></u>

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

3. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Cemetery 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 risk:

- Comprehensive property and general liability



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

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PO Box 12
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Bryn Zion Cemetery, Morrow County, Ohio (the Cemetery), as of and for the years ended December 31, 1999 and December 31, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated April 20, 2000. 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 no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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 a matter involving the internal control over financial reporting that does not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Cemetery in a separate letter dated April 20, 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.

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JIM PETRO
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April 20, 2000



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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
MAY 18, 2000**