



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

**BEAVER UNION CEMETERY
PIKE COUNTY**

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Beaver Union Cemetery
Pike County
4140 Beaver Pike Road
Beaver, Ohio 45613

To the Board of Trustees:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

June 22, 2005

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Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Beaver Union Cemetery
Pike County
4140 Beaver Pike Road
Beaver, Ohio 45613

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Beaver Union Cemetery, Pike County, Ohio (the Cemetery), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure 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 our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Cemetery has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Revisions to GAAP would require the Cemetery to reformat its financial statement presentation and make other changes effective for the year ended December 31, 2004. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2004 (and 2003), the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present its larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2004. While the Cemetery does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to the new GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require governments to reformat their statements. The Cemetery has elected not to reformat its statements. Since this Cemetery does not use GAAP to measure financial statement amounts, the following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the year ended December 31, 2004 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Cemetery as of December 31, 2004, or their changes in financial position for the year then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances of Beaver Union Cemetery, Pike County, as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The aforementioned revision to generally accepted accounting principles also requires the Cemetery to include Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2004. The Cemetery has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 22, 2005 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. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.



Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

June 22, 2005

**BEAVER UNION CEMETERY
PIKE COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGE IN CASH BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

Cash Receipts:	
Intergovernmental	\$ 38,253
Charges for Services	3,625
Sale of Lots	3,085
Interest	378
Miscellaneous	<u>2</u>
Total Cash Receipts	<u>45,343</u>
Cash Disbursements:	
Salaries	10,078
Supplies	152
Utilities	279
Equipment	1,239
Fees and Services	1,371
Insurance	2,028
Public Employees' Retirement	2,643
Workers' Compensation	884
Taxes	832
Miscellaneous	<u>2,003</u>
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>21,509</u>
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	<u>23,834</u>
Cash Balance, January 1	<u>51,065</u>
Cash Balance, December 31	<u><u>\$ 74,899</u></u>

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

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PIKE COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGE IN CASH BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

Cash Receipts:	
Intergovernmental	\$ 30,710
Charges for Services	8,250
Sale of Lots	3,480
Interest	306
Miscellaneous	<u>895</u>
Total Cash Receipts	<u>43,641</u>
Cash Disbursements:	
Salaries	9,982
Supplies	56
Utilities	287
Equipment	14,893
Fees and Services	3,684
Insurance	1,735
Public Employees' Retirement	2,568
Workers' Compensation	432
Taxes	785
Miscellaneous	<u>4,256</u>
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>38,678</u>
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	<u>4,963</u>
Cash Balance, January 1	<u>46,102</u>
Cash Balance, December 31	<u><u>\$ 51,065</u></u>

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

**BEAVER UNION CEMETERY
PIKE COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges for the Beaver Union Cemetery, Pike County (the Cemetery), as a body corporate and politic. Marion Township, Beaver Township and the Village of Beaver appoint a three-member Board of Trustees to direct cemetery operations. These entities provide funding to meet the Cemetery's operating costs under the agreement which established the Cemetery. The accompanying financial statements present this funding as Intergovernmental Receipts. 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 the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. This basis 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 Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

C. Cash and Investments

The Cemetery has a checking account and one certificate of deposit which are valued at cost.

D. Property, Plant and Equipment

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

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Demand deposits	\$73,899	\$50,065
Certificates of deposit	1,000	1,000
Total deposits and investments	<u>\$74,899</u>	<u>\$51,065</u>

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003
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3. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2004 and 2003, OPERS employee members contributed 8.5 percent of their gross salaries. The Cemetery contributes an amount equal to 13.55 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Cemetery has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2004.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

Commercial Insurance

The Cemetery has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability
- Equipment



Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

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

Beaver Union Cemetery
Pike County
4140 Beaver Pike Road
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the Beaver Union Cemetery, Pike County, Ohio (the Cemetery), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated June 22, 2005, wherein we noted the Cemetery follows the accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Cemetery's internal control over financial reporting to determine our auditing procedures to express our opinion on the financial statements and not to opine on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable 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 caused by error or fraud in amounts material to the financial statements we audited may occur and not be timely detected by employees when performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Cemetery's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the 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 an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*. In a separate letter to the Cemetery's management dated June 22, 2005, we reported other matters related to noncompliance we deemed immaterial.

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Required by *Government Auditing Standards*
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We intend this report solely for the information and use of management and the Board of Trustees. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betty Montgomery". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

June 22, 2005



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BEAVER UNION CEMETERY

PIKE 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
AUGUST 4, 2005**