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BASIC AUDIT REPORT

Antwerp-Carryall Township Cemetery Paulding County P.O. Box 901 Antwerp, Ohio 45813-0901

We have completed certain procedures in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.01(G) to the accounting records and related documents of Antwerp-Carryall Township Cemetery, Paulding County, Ohio (the Cemetery) for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

Our procedures were designed solely to satisfy the audit requirements of Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.11(A). Because our procedures were not designed to opine on the Cemetery's financial statements, we did not follow *generally accepted auditing standards*. We do not provide any assurance on the Cemetery's financial statements, transactions or balances for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

The Cemetery's management is responsible for preparing and maintaining its accounting records and related documents. Our responsibility under Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.11(A) is to examine, analyze and inspect these records and documents.

Based on the results of our procedures, we found the following significant compliance or accounting issues to report.

Current Year Observations

- 1. The Cemetery has not adopted a public records policy. Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2) requires all public offices to adopt a public records policy. In adopting a public records policy under this division, a public office may obtain guidance from the model public records policy developed and provided to the public office by the attorney general under Ohio Rev. Code § 109.43. Failure to adopt a public records policy could lead to noncompliance with the Ohio Public Records Act when handling public records requests. The Cemetery should adopt a public records policy and could model it after the example published by the Ohio Attorney General.
- 2. We noted the Cemetery has not adopted a records retention schedule policy. Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2) states, in part, a public office also "shall have available a copy of its current records retention schedule at a location readily available to the public." Failure to have and follow a records retention schedule could result in public records being disposed of prematurely. The Cemetery should implement procedures to ensure the appropriate policy is approved to help avoid issues with public records requests.

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Current Status of Matters Reported in our Prior Engagement

Items 1 and 2 noted above were also reported in our prior engagement for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

May 9, 2023



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PAULDING 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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