



**SCOTT UNION CEMETERY
ERIE COUNTY**

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2009



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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 an 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 adverse 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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December 8, 2010

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Scott Union Cemetery
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Scott Union Cemetery, Erie County, (the Cemetery) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008. 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 audits.

We conducted our audits 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 audits 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 audits provide 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.

Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present, GAAP require presenting entity wide statements and also presenting the Cemetery's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. 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 GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require cemeteries to reformat their statements. The Cemetery has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. 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 years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 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, 2009 and 2008, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of the Scott Union Cemetery, Erie County, as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

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 December 8, 2010, 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 audits.



Mary Taylor, CPA
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December 8, 2010

**SCOTT UNION CEMETERY
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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	<u>All Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Fiduciary</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Charges for Services	\$7,350		\$7,350
Sale of Lots	8,950		8,950
Intergovernmental	10,000		10,000
Earnings on Investments		\$1	1
Total Cash Receipts	<u>26,300</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>26,301</u>
Cash Disbursements:			
Current Disbursements:			
Contracts - Services	21,570		21,570
Equipment	650		650
Maintenance	240		240
Miscellaneous	257		257
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>22,717</u>		<u>22,717</u>
Total Receipts Over Disbursements	3,583	1	3,584
 Fund Cash Balances, January 1	 <u>17,556</u>	 <u>1,651</u>	 <u>19,207</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$21,139</u>	<u>\$1,652</u>	<u>\$22,791</u>

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ALL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	<u>All Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Fiduciary</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Charges for Services	\$7,275		\$7,275
Sale of Lots	10,600		10,600
	<u>17,875</u>		<u>17,875</u>
Cash Disbursements:			
Current Disbursements:			
Contracts - Services	16,200		16,200
Equipment	2,300		2,300
Maintenance	3,174		3,174
Miscellaneous	1,500	\$12	1,512
	<u>23,174</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>23,186</u>
Total Receipts Under Disbursements	(5,299)	(12)	(5,311)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>22,855</u>	<u>1,663</u>	<u>24,518</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$17,556</u>	<u>\$1,651</u>	<u>\$19,207</u>

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

**SCOTT UNION CEMETERY
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

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 Scott Union Cemetery, Erie County, (the Cemetery), as a body corporate and politic. The City of Huron, Huron Township, and Milan Township appoint a three-member Board of Trustees to direct cemetery operations. These entities also 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 accounting basis. The Cemetery 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. Fund Accounting

The Cemetery uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The Cemetery classifies its funds into the following types:

1. General Fund

The General Fund reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Fiduciary Funds (Private Purpose Trust)

Trust funds account for assets held under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments which are not available to support the Cemetery's own programs.

The Cemetery's private purpose trust funds are for the benefit of certain individuals to maintain grave sites.

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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008
(Continued)**

2. EQUITY IN POOLED DEPOSITS

The Cemetery maintains a deposit pool all funds use. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of deposits at December 31 was as follows:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Demand deposits	\$21,147	\$17,564
Savings accounts	1,644	1,643
Total deposits	<u>\$22,791</u>	<u>\$19,207</u>

Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

3. RISK MANAGEMENT

The City of Huron provides general insurance coverage for the Cemetery.

4. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Huron Township is one of the governments that appoints a member to the Cemetery Board of Trustees and provides funding to the Cemetery through semi-annual assessments. The Cemetery has an agreement with the Huron Township Trustees to provide maintenance and grave opening services at the Cemetery. The Township assesses the Cemetery 50% of the labor required as well as 50 % of the burial fees collected by the Cemetery. The Cemetery reimbursed the Township \$21,570 and \$16,200 in 2009 and 2008, respectively.



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

Scott Union Cemetery
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the Scott Union Cemetery, Erie County, (the Cemetery) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 and have issued our report thereon dated December 8, 2010, wherein we noted the Cemetery prepared its financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We conducted our audits 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 audits, we considered the Cemetery's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of opining on the effectiveness of the Cemetery's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Cemetery's internal control over financial reporting.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in more than a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Cemetery's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

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 audits 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*.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management, the audit committee, the Board of Trustees and others within the Cemetery. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

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Auditor of State

December 8, 2010



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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

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DECEMBER 23, 2010**