



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

**BARNES TOWNSHIP JOINT CEMETERY
HIGHLAND COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Barnes Township Joint Cemetery
Highland County
3100 US 50
Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Barnes Township Joint Cemetery, Highland County, Ohio (the Cemetery), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002. 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 *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 balances of the Cemetery as of December 2003 and 2002, 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 March 31, 2004 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. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

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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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

March 31, 2004

**BARNES TOWNSHIP JOINT CEMETERY
HIGHLAND COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002**

	2003	2002
Cash Receipts:		
Sale of Lots	\$2,520	\$560
Interest	0	18
Miscellaneous	0	10
Total Cash Receipts	2,520	588
Cash Disbursements:		
Contracts - Services	2,164	2,589
Miscellaneous		212
Total Cash Disbursements	2,164	2,801
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	356	(2,213)
Cash Balances, January 1	1,617	3,830
Cash Balances, December 31	\$1,973	\$1,617

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Barnes Township Joint Cemetery, Highland 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 a joint township cemetery created by Dodson, Hamer and Union Townships of Highland County under Section 517.14, Ohio Revised Code. The Cemetery operates under a three-member Board of Trustees appointed by each of the participating townships. An appointed clerk/treasurer is responsible for fiscal control of the resources of the Cemetery. The Cemetery provides for the general maintenance of the grounds and the sales of burial lots. The Cemetery does not levy any taxes.

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

Cemetery funds are deposited into a checking account or certificates of deposit at a local commercial bank. Certificates of deposit are valued at cost.

D. Fund Accounting

The Cemetery uses fund accounting to segregate cash that is restricted as to use. The Cemetery classifies its funds as a General Fund which is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required by law or contract to be restricted.

E. Budgetary Process

The Cemetery is not a taxing district as defined by the Ohio Revised Code and is not required to comply with budgetary laws.

F. Property, Plant and Equipment

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002
(Continued)**

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

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

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Demand deposits	<u>\$1,973</u>	<u>\$1,617</u>

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



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

Barnes Township Joint Cemetery
Highland County
3100 US Rt. 50
Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Barnes Township Joint Cemetery, Highland County, Ohio (the Cemetery), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated March 31, 2004. 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 *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 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 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 other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Cemetery in a separate letter dated March 31, 2004.

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Highland County
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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

March 31, 2004



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HIGHLAND 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
MAY 4, 2004**