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**WHARTON RICHLAND UNION CEMETERY  
WYANDOT COUNTY**

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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 Cemetery 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.

*Mary Taylor*

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### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Wharton Richland Union Cemetery  
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Wharton Richland Union Cemetery, Wyandot County, Ohio, (the Cemetery) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. 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 years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. 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, 2008 and 2007, 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, 2008 and 2007, 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 cash balances of the Wharton Richland Union Cemetery, Wyandot County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and its 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 September 16, 2009, 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.

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**Mary Taylor, CPA**  
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September 16, 2009



**WHARTON RICHLAND UNION CEMETERY  
WYANDOT COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGE IN CASH BALANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

<b>Cash Receipts:</b>	
Intergovernmental	\$ 2,750
Charges for Services	2,890
Sale of Lots	1,185
Interest	196
Miscellaneous	<u>1,092</u>
Total Cash Receipts	<u>8,113</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>	
Current:	
Salaries	2,703
Benefits	606
Contracts - Repair	642
Contracts - Services	1,670
Office	78
Miscellaneous	<u>841</u>
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>6,540</u>
Total Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements	1,573
Cash Balance, January 1	<u>11,042</u>
<b>Cash Balance, December 31</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 12,615</u></u></b>

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

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**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGE IN CASH BALANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007**

<b>Cash Receipts:</b>	
Intergovernmental	\$ 5,000
Charges for Services	2,455
Sale of Lots	590
Interest	147
Miscellaneous	<u>1,224</u>
Total Cash Receipts	<u>9,416</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>	
Current:	
Salaries	2,713
Benefits	661
Equipment	800
Contracts - Repair	418
Contracts - Services	2,926
Office	274
Miscellaneous	<u>2,435</u>
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>10,227</u>
Total Cash Receipts Under Cash Disbursements	(811)
Cash Balance, January 1	<u>11,853</u>
<b>Cash Balance, December 31</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 11,042</u></u></b>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007**

**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 Wharton Richland Union Cemetery, Wyandot County, Ohio, (the Cemetery) as a body corporate and politic. The Richland Township Board of Trustees and the Village of Wharton Council 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. Accounting Basis**

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. 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. Cash and Investments**

The Cemetery includes investments as assets. The Cemetery does not report purchases of investments as disbursements or investment sales as receipts. The Cemetery recognizes gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

The Cemetery records certificates of deposit at cost.

**D. Property, Plant, and Equipment**

The financial statements report acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment as capital outlay disbursements when paid. The financial statements do not report these items as assets.

**2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

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

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Deposits	\$5,343	\$3,770
Certificates of deposit	7,272	7,272
Total deposits	<u>12,615</u>	<u>11,042</u>

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007  
(Continued)**

**3. RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

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 2008 and 2007, OPERS employee members contributed 10 and 9.5 percent of their gross salaries. The Cemetery contributes an amount equal to 14 and 13.85 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Cemetery has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2008.

**4. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Cemetery has obtained commercial insurance for comprehensive property and general liability through the Village of Wharton.



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

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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Wharton Richland Union Cemetery, Wyandot County, Ohio, (the Cemetery) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated September 16, 2009, wherein we noted the Cemetery prepared its financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits 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 as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine 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 control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Cemetery's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the Cemetery's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the Cemetery's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all internal control deficiencies that might be 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.

We noted certain matters that we reported to the Cemetery's management in a separate letter dated September 16, 2009.

#### **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*.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management and the Board of Trustees. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

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September 16, 2009

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**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <b><i>Explain</i></b>
2006-001	Board Monitoring	Yes	
2006-002	Expenditure Classification	Yes	
2006-003	Cemetery Fees	Yes	







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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**  
**OCTOBER 13, 2009**