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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Grove Cemetery Association
Hardin County
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Kenton, Ohio 43326

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Board of Trustees and the management of the Grove Cemetery Association, Hardin County (the Cemetery) on the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the Cemetery's cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 and certain compliance requirements related to those transactions and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the Cemetery. The Cemetery is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the Cemetery. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

This report only describes exceptions exceeding \$10.

Cash and Investments

1. We recalculated the December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2017 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Status Report to the December 31, 2016 balances in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2018 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Status Report to the December 31, 2017 balances in the Fund Status Report. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2018 and 2017 fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status Report. The amounts agreed.
4. We observed the year-end bank balances on the financial institution's website. The balances agreed. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2018 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected the all reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) from the December 31, 2018 bank reconciliation:
 - a. We traced all debits to the subsequent January and February bank statements. One reconciling debit was still outstanding at the end of February and it had cleared by December 31, 2019. We found no other exceptions.
 - b. We traced the amounts and dates to the check register, to determine the debits were dated prior to December 31. There were no exceptions.

Cash and Investments (Continued)

6. We selected each reconciling credit (such as deposits in transit) from the December 31, 2018 bank reconciliation:
 - a. We traced each credit to the subsequent January bank statement. We found no exceptions.
 - b. We agreed the credit amount to the Receipt Detail Report. The credit was recorded as a December receipt for the same amount recorded in the reconciliation.
7. We inspected investments held at December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 to determine that they:
 - a. Were of a type authorized by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 135.13, 135.14 or 135.144. We found no exceptions.
 - b. Mature within the prescribed time limits noted in Ohio Rev. Code Section 135.13 or 135.14. We found no exceptions.

Intergovernmental and Other Confirmable Cash Receipts

1. We selected all intergovernmental receipts (property taxes and related reimbursements levied to support the Cemetery) from the City of Kenton, Pleasant Township, Goshen Township, and Buck Township for 2018 and 2017:
 - a. We traced the receipts from the Settlement sheets to the amount recorded in the Receipt Detail Report. The amounts agreed
 - b. We determined whether the receipts were allocated to the proper fund(s) as required by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.05-.06 and 5705.10. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We determined whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We inspected the Receipt Detail Report to determine whether it included at least four intergovernmental receipts (property taxes and related reimbursements) from the City of Kenton, Pleasant Township, Goshen Township, and Buck Township for 2018 and 2017. We noted the Receipt Detail Report included the proper number of receipts for each year

Sales of Lots and Charges for Services

We selected a sample (agreed upon) of 10 cash receipts for sales of lots and the opening and closing of graves from the year ended December 31, 2018 and 10 cash receipts for sales of lots and the opening and closing of graves from the year ended 2017 recorded in the duplicate cash receipts book and:

- a. Agreed the receipt amount to the amount recorded in the Receipt Detail Report. The amounts agreed.
- b. Agreed the amount charged complied with rates in force during the period. We found no exceptions.
- c. Inspected the Receipt Detail Report to determine the receipt was posted to the proper account codes, and was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

Debt

1. The prior agreed upon procedures documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2016.
2. We inquired of management, and scanned the Receipt Detail Report and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2018 or 2017 or debt payment activity during 2018 or 2017. There were no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2018 or 2017.

Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected one payroll check for five employees from 2018 and one payroll check for five employees from 2017 from the Wage Detail Report and:
 - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Wage Detail Report to supporting documentation (timecard or legislatively-approved rate or salary). We found no exceptions.
 - b. We inspected the Wage Detail Report to determine the account codes to which the check was posted were reasonable based on the employees' duties as documented in the employees' personnel files. We also inspected the Wage Detail Report to determine the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. For any new employees selected in procedure 1 we inspected the employees' personnel file for the following information and compared it with the information used to compute gross and net pay related to this check:
 - a. Name
 - b. Authorized salary or pay rate
 - c. Department(s) and fund(s) to which the check should be charged
 - d. Retirement system participation and payroll withholding
 - e. Federal, State & Local income tax withholding authorization and withholding
 - f. Any other deduction authorizations (deferred compensation, etc.)

We found no exceptions related to steps a. – f. above.

3. We inspected the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2018 to determine whether remittances were timely paid, and if the amounts paid agreed to the amounts withheld, plus the employer's share where applicable, during the final withholding period of 2018. We observed the following:

Withholding (plus employer share, where applicable)	Date Due	Date Paid	Amount Due	Amount Paid
Federal income taxes & Medicare	January 31, 2019	December 21, 2018	\$820.25	\$820.25
Ohio income taxes	January 15, 2019	December 21, 2018	\$194.24	\$194.24
City of Kenton income tax	January 31, 2019	December 21, 2018	\$219.46	\$219.46
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2019	January 2, 2019	\$3,819.43	\$3,819.43
School District Income Tax	January 31, 2019	December 21, 2018	\$141.43	\$141.43

4. We selected and recomputed one termination payment (unused vacation, etc.) using the following information, and agreed the computation to the amount paid as recorded in the Wage Detail Report:
 - a. Accumulated leave records
 - b. The employee's pay rate in effect as of the termination date
 - c. The Cemetery's payout policy.

The amount paid was consistent with the information recorded in a. through c. above.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected a sample (agreed upon) of 10 disbursements from the Payment Register Detail Report for the year ended December 31, 2018 and 10 from the year ended 2017 and determined whether:
 - a. The disbursements were for a proper public purpose. We found no exceptions.
 - b. The check number, date, payee name and amount recorded on the returned, canceled check agreed to the check number, date, payee name and amount recorded in the Payment Register Detail Report and to the names and amounts on the supporting invoices. We found no exceptions.
 - c. The payment was posted to a proper account code. We found no exceptions.

Compliance – Budgetary

1. We inspected the Appropriation Ledger Report for the Endowment Fund. Not more than 5% of non-spendable monies were released, spent, or otherwise modified during the engagement period.

Other Compliance

1. Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 requires cemeteries to file their financial information in the HINKLE system within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year. This statute also permits the Auditor of State to extend the deadline for filing a financial report and establish terms and conditions for any such extension. Auditor of State established policies regarding the filing of complete financial statements, as defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the Hinkle System. We confirmed the Cemetery filed their complete financial statements, as defined by AOS Bulletin 2015-007 and Auditor of State established policy within the allotted timeframe for the years ended December 31 2018 and 2017 in the Hinkle System. There were no exceptions.
2. For all credit card accounts we obtained:
 - copies of existing internal control policies,
 - a list(s) of authorized users, and
 - a list of all credit card account transactions.
 - a. We inspected the established policy obtained above and determined it is:
 - i. in compliance with the HB 312 statutory requirements, and
 - ii. implemented by the Cemetery.We found no exceptions.
 - b. We selected a sample (agreed upon) of 5 credit card transactions for testing. For selected transactions we inspected documentation to determine that:
 - i. Use was by an authorized user within the guidelines established in the policy, and
 - ii. Each transaction was supported with original invoices and for a proper public purpose.We found no exceptions.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' attestation standards and applicable attestation engagement standards included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the Cemetery's receipts, disbursements, balances and compliance with certain laws and regulations. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is to provide assistance in evaluation of the Cemetery's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balance sand is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

July 17, 2019

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GROVE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

HARDIN 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 8, 2019**