

MAPLE GROVE UNION CEMETERY

PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO

AGREED UPON PROCEDURES

For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022





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We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of the Maple Grove Union Cemetery, Portage County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023. Based upon this review, we have accepted this report in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Maple Grove Union Cemetery is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

April 03, 2024

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

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We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the Maple Grove Union Cemetery's (the Cemetery) receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 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, 2023 and 2022 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the Cemetery.

The Board of Trustees and the management of the Cemetery have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of providing assistance in the evaluation of the Cemetery's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. Additionally, the Auditor of State has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet their purposes. No other party acknowledged the appropriateness of the procedures. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of the report and may not meet the needs of all users of the report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in the 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.

For the purposes of performing these procedures, this report only describes exceptions exceeding \$10.

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

Cash and Investments

1. We recalculated the December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2022 beginning fund balances recorded for each fund in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2021 balances in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2023 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2022 balances in the Fund Ledger Report. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the 2023 and 2022 bank reconciliation adjusted UAN Balances and Adjusted Bank Balances as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 to the total fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status Report and the financial statements filed by the Cemetery in the Hinkle System. The amounts agreed.

4. We confirmed the December 31, 2023 bank account balances with the Cemetery's financial institutions. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2023 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected all 3 reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) from the December 31, 2023 bank reconciliation:
 - a. We traced each debit to the subsequent January bank statement. We found no exceptions.
 - b. We traced the amounts and dates to the check register and determined the debits were dated prior to December 31. We found no exceptions.
6. We selected the only reconciling credit (such as deposits in transit) from the December 31, 2023 bank reconciliation:
 - a. We traced each credit to the subsequent January bank statement. We found no exceptions.
 - b. We agreed the credit amounts to the Receipts Register and determined they were dated prior to December 31. We found no exceptions.
7. We inspected investments held at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 to determine that they:
 - a. Were of a type authorized by Ohio Rev. Code §§ 135.13, 135.14, 135.144 or 135.145. We found no exceptions.
 - b. Mature within the prescribed time limits noted in Ohio Rev. Code § 135.13, or 135.14 We found no exceptions.

Other Confirmable Cash Receipts

1. We confirmed the total amount paid from the City of Ravenna during 2022 and 2023, as documented on the City remittance forms dated 5/12/22, 6/23/22, 12/1/22, 2/2/23, 3/15/23, 6/15/23, and 9/21/23 to the Cemetery Receipt Register Report. We found no exceptions.
 - a. We inspected the Receipt Register Report to determine whether these receipts were allocated to the proper account codes. We found no exceptions.
 - b. We inspected the Receipt Register Report to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We confirmed the total amount paid from Ravenna Township during 2022 and 2023, as documented on the Township remittance forms dated 3/22/22, 8/23/22, 3/21/23, and 8/8/23 to the Cemetery Receipt Register Report. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We inspected the Receipt Register Report to determine whether these receipts were allocated to the proper account codes. We found no exceptions.
 - d. We inspected the Receipt Register Report to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

Sales of Lots and Charges for Services

We selected 10 cash receipts for sales of lots or charges for services from the year ended December 31, 2023 and 10 cash receipts for sales of lots or charges for services from the year ended December 31, 2022 recorded in the duplicate cash receipts book and:

- a. Agreed the receipt amount to the amount recorded in the Receipt Register Report. The amounts agreed.
- b. Agreed the amount charged complied with rates in force during the period.
- c. Inspected the Receipt Register 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 audit documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2021.
- 2. We inquired of management and inspected the Receipt Register Report and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2023 or 2022 or debt payment activity during 2023 or 2022. There were no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2023 or 2022.

Payroll Cash Disbursements

- 1. We selected 1 payroll check for 5 employees from 2023 and 1 payroll check for 5 employees from 2022 from the Wage Withholdings 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 fund and account codes to which the check was posted to determine the posting was allowable based on the employees' duties as documented in the employees' personnel files and minute record. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We confirmed the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
- 2. We selected both new employees from 2023:
 - a. We inspected the employees' personnel files for the Retirement system, Federal, State & Local income tax withholding authorization.
 - b. We agreed the items in a above to the Employee General Information Report.
 We found no exceptions.
- 3. We inspected the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2023 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 2023. We observed the following:

Withholding (plus employer share, where applicable)	Date Due	Date Paid	Amount Due	Amount Paid
Federal income taxes & Medicare (and social security, for employees not enrolled in pension system)	January 31, 2024	December 22, 2023	\$2,125.13	\$2,125.13
State income taxes	January 15, 2024	December 26, 2023	\$419.41	\$419.41
Local income tax	January 15, 2024	December 26, 2023	\$416.11	\$416.11
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2024	December 26, 2023	\$4,141.26	\$4,141.26

We found no exceptions.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected 10 disbursements from the Payment Register Detail Report for the year ended December 31, 2023 and 10 from the year ended December 31, 2022 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 or EFT/ACH 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.

Sunshine Law Compliance

1. We obtained and inspected the Cemetery's Public Records Policy to determine the policy was in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code §§ 149.43(E)(2) and 149.43(B)(7)(c) and did not limit the number of responses that may be made to a particular person, limit the number of responses during a specified period of time, or establish a fixed period of time before it will respond unless that period is less than eight hours. We found no exceptions.
2. We inquired with Cemetery management and determined that the Cemetery did not have any completed, denied or redacted public records requests during the engagement period.
3. We inquired whether the Cemetery had a records retention schedule and observed that it was readily available to the public as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2). We found no exceptions.
4. We inspected written evidence that the Public Records Policy was provided to the records custodian/manager as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
5. We inspected the Cemetery's policy manual and determined the public records policy was included as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
6. We observed that the Cemetery's poster describing their Public Records Policy was displayed conspicuously in all branches of the Cemetery as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
7. We inquired with Cemetery management and determined that the Cemetery did not have any applications for record disposal submitted to the Records Commission during the engagement period.
8. We inquired with Cemetery management and determined that the Cemetery did not have any elected officials subject to the Public Records Training requirements during the engagement period as required by Ohio Rev. Code §§ 149.43(E)(1) and 109.43(B).
9. We inspected the public notices for the public meetings held during the engagement period and determined the Cemetery notified the general public and news media of when and where meetings during the engagement period were to be held as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(F). We found no exceptions.

10. We inspected the minutes of public meetings during the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(C) and determined whether they were:
- Prepared – a file is created following the date of the meeting
 - Filed – placed with similar documents in an organized manner
 - Maintained - retained, at a minimum, for the engagement period
 - Open to public inspection – available for public viewing or request.

We found no exceptions.

11. We inspected the minutes from the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G) and determined the following:
- Executive sessions were only held at regular or special meetings.
 - The purpose for the meetings and going into an executive session (when applicable) correlated with one of the matters listed in Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G).
 - Formal governing board actions were adopted in open meetings.

We found no exceptions.

Other Compliance

- Ohio Rev. Code § 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. The 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 the Auditor of State established policy within the allotted timeframe for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 in the Hinkle system. We found no exceptions.

We were engaged by the Cemetery to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with the attestation standards established by the AICPA and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, 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.

We are required to be independent of the Cemetery and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the ethical requirements established by the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* related to our agreed upon procedures engagement.



Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.

February 12, 2024

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OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



MAPLE GROVE UNION CEMETERY

PORTAGE 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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