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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Malta Union Cemetery Morgan County 320 North Best Road Malta, Ohio 43758

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the Malta Union Cemetery, Morgan County, Ohio (the Cemetery), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Cemetery's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement 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 statement is 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 statement 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 statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash balance of the Malta Union Cemetery, Morgan County, as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, 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 July 9, 2003 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.

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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 Section 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Betty Montgomeny

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

July 9, 2003

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCE FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

	2002		2001	
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$	10,828	\$	13,333
Intergovernmental Sale of Lots		1,232		1,198
Miscellaneous		3,925 138		3,900 223
Earnings on Investments		58		70
Total Cash Receipts		16,181		18,724
		10,101		10,724
Cash Disbursements:				
Salaries and Benefits		4,631		4,117
Supplies		188		355
Utilities		283		259
Contract Services		8,664		8,224
Insurance		150		350
Miscellaneous		1,123		1,246
Total Cash Disbursements		15,039		14,551
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements		1,142		4,173
Fund Cash Balance, January 1	1	7,883		3,710
Fund Cash Balance, December 31	\$	9,025	\$	7,883

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Malta Union Cemetery, Morgan County (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 directed by an appointed three-member Board of Trustees and an appointed Clerk/Treasurer. The Board is appointed by the Village of Malta and Malta Township. These entities also provide funding from locally levied property taxes to meet the Cemetery's operating costs under the agreement which established the Cemetery. The Cemetery provides for the maintenance of the cemeteries under its jurisdiction. The Cemetery contracts with certain individuals for services, such as digging of graves.

The Cemetery's management believes this financial statement presents all activities for which the Cemetery is financially accountable.

B. Basis of Accounting

This financial statement follows 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.

This statement includes adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. Cash and Investments

The Cemetery deposits all available funds in an interest bearing checking and savings account.

D. Budgetary Process

The Cemetery is not required to follow the budgetary requirements under Ohio Rev. Code Chapter 5705. Accordingly, no budgetary information is presented.

E. 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 statement.

2. CASH

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

	 2002	2001		
Demand deposits	\$ 9,025	\$	7,883	

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001 (Continued)

3. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The Cemetery's officials and employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2002 and 2001, members of PERS contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Cemetery contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries. The Cemetery has paid all employer contributions required through December 31, 2002.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Cemetery has obtained commercial insurance coverage for the following risks:

- General Liability and Casualty;
- Equipment; and
- Property.



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

Malta Union Cemetery Morgan County 320 North Best Road Malta, Ohio 43758

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the Malta Union Cemetery, Morgan County, Ohio (the Cemetery), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated July 9, 2003. 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 statement is 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. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to the management of the cemetery in a separate letter dated July 9, 2003.

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 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 statement 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 that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that we have reported to management of the Cemetery in a separate letter dated July 9, 2003.

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July 9, 2003



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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 Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED SEPTEMBER 11, 2003