

**Smyrna Town Council Announces New Manager**  
Successor brings 17+ years of experience in local government

Town of Smyrna, Delaware – Town Council announced Andrew S. Haines as the next Town Manager, succeeding Gary Stulir, who stepped down as manager at the end of 2019. Haines, who will begin on June 15, comes to Smyrna with over 17 years of local government experience serving both Delaware and Pennsylvania communities, most recently as the township manager for the Middletown Township, Delaware County, PA.

“Andrew’s career includes experience at the local level, combined with local and national professional accomplishments that underscore his ability to step into the town and continue a strong history of effective local government services in the Town of Smyrna,” said Mayor Robert Johnson. “We are thrilled to welcome his leadership to our community and are confident his expertise will be a valued addition to the town.”

In his prior township manager role, Haines served as the chief administrative officers in command of daily operations overseeing numerous capital projects, redevelopments and staff planning, is a Credential Manager through the International City/County Manager’s Association since 2015, was named by Delaware Business Times Top 40 Under 40 in 2016 and is a Board of Director for the National Public Employer Labor Relations Association.

“I am very grateful to the Town Council for providing me the opportunity to lead the staff in serving the community,” said Haines. “I look forward to working with all members of Council, citizens, local business and staff to build on the Town’s past successes.”

Prior to joining Middletown Township, Delaware County, Haines was the deputy city manager for the City of Newark, and the township manager for Hatfield Township, Montgomery County. His career also included roles with the State of Delaware’s Economic Development Office and a prior role with the City of Newark.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in politics from Ursinus College and a Master’s in public administration, with a concentration in local and state government from the University of Delaware. He and his family reside in Middletown, DE.

###