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A Familiar Face: Santoro Tapped as New Township Manager

The Township's new manager won't need the standard first-day tour and introductions that come with new jobs.

Dan Santoro was selected as the next Township Manager during the Board of Supervisors' January 4 reorganizational meeting. The routine one-year contract runs through January 5, 2021.

He replaces Jerry Andree, who wrapped up a 30-year career with his retirement January 4.

"I have total confidence that Dan will continue to guide Cranberry Township along the path to prosperity," Andree said. "His knowledge of the Township spans decades, and his understanding of both the major and minor details that make Cranberry great is unmatched."

Santoro is no stranger to Cranberry Township, having helped Andree and previous Boards lay the groundwork for future growth and success in. He was hired as a Planning and Zoning assistant in December 1991. He was promoted to Director of Code Administration in 1993 and eventually served as Assistant Township Manager until 2006.

A 10-year break from the Township saw him take on roles in the private sector focusing on engineering and government relations before returning as Assistant Township Manager in November 2017. Most recently he served as Deputy Township Manager.

"Dan's resume speaks for itself, but it's his understanding of the way the Township functions and the goals for the future that make him the ideal candidate," said Dick Hadley, Board of Supervisors Chairman. "The Board is excited to continue working with him to make Cranberry great."

A native of Monessen, Westmoreland County, Santoro earned a bachelor's degree in regional planning from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a master's degree in public management from Carnegie Mellon University.

Santoro, a longtime Township resident, said he's excited to continue the work begun by Andree and the Board that has helped Cranberry prosper for three decades.

"Jerry leaves pretty big shoes to fill, and I've been fortunate enough to have worked side-by-side with him for many years," he said. "He's created the blueprint for success, and I believe it sets the stage for many great days ahead for Cranberry Township."