

Village clerk to serve as acting manager

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MONTICELLO — The Monticello Village Board last night appointed Village Clerk Edith Schop as acting village manager.

Earlier in the week, the board voted 3 to 2 to fire James Malloy who has been manager of the village for two years. Mayor Robert Friedland would not disclose the reason for the dismissal, stating that it was a personnel matter.

Schop, who makes about \$27,000, will serve at no additional salary until the position is filled. Malloy was paid

\$47,500.

The board also voted to advertise for a new manager in local and national newspapers and some professional journals.

In the interim, Schop will serve as liaison between the board and village departments to keep the day-to-day operation of the village running.

Friedland suggested in the beginning of the nearly two-hour meeting that the matter be discussed in executive session. He was overruled by other members.

"I think we should avoid holding too many executive

session," board member Edith Evelyn Vandermark said.

Names that were suggested for possible interim candidates were Paul Rouis, the former Sullivan County administrator, and Lou Harmin, a former village mayor.

"We're going to look for the best person we can find for the job," Friedland said. "So we should put ads in a couple of national papers like the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal."

The ads will appear as soon as the copy can be prepared, Friedland said.