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# Mary Jeanne Hoose

## Town Clerk/Tax Collector

***20+ years experience!***

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***I am a lifelong resident of Claverack and have served as Town Clerk since 1993. I'm coordinator of the Mellenville-Philmont Food Pantry, member of the Columbia County and NYS Town Clerks Association, Philmont Community Choir, Philmont Santa Claus Club and serve on the consistory at the 2nd Reformed Church of Claverack.***

- I have 20+ years of experience, knowledge and history serving as Town Clerk, much of which cannot be recorded in a computer.
- I have and will continue to serve all of the people of Claverack with the same professional courtesy regardless of their political affiliation.
- As Town Clerk/Tax Collector, I have made myself available to anyone in the community who needs my assistance. I've helped people that cannot make our normal business hours at the office and made myself available on Saturday mornings for people to pay their taxes. "Working with the residents of the town and helping them in the smallest way has been a privilege that I hope to continue."
- I will work diligently with our Town Board to see that there is no micromanagement, which has no place in municipal government.
- "Laws change all the time and a Town Clerk must stay well versed in local, State, and Federal regulations. It's more than just signing a dog license or writing minutes to a meeting." I have attended workshops, conferences, and clerk meetings every year since I've been Town Clerk. "There is a lot more to the job than people realize".

***The position of Town Clerk, although elected, is not a political job. Rather, it is a professional position that requires significant administrative skill, experience, a demonstrated ability to manage and operate an organized and efficient office, and an advanced understanding of our town's history and governmental practices. I have that experience. I am that person. I'm proud to be your Claverack Town Clerk and Tax Collector!***