

ESSA Bancorp, Inc.
Form 8-K
February 28, 2014

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 27, 2014

ESSA Bancorp, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Pennsylvania
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-33384
(Commission
File No.)

20-8023072
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

200 Palmer Street, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

18360

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:(570) 421-0531

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events

On February 27, 2014, ESSA Bancorp, Inc. (the Company) announced that the Company would make a payment of a cash dividend of \$0.07 per share of common stock. This dividend shall be paid to stockholders of record as of March 16, 2014, payable on March 30, 2014.

The Company also announced a sixth stock repurchase program pursuant to which the Company intends to repurchase up to 5% of the Company's publicly held outstanding shares of common stock. The Company completed its previously disclosed fifth stock repurchase program.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired. Not applicable.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.

(c) Shell Company Transactions. Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

| No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press release issued by the Company on February 27, 2014 announcing the issuance of a cash dividend and a stock repurchase program. |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

ESSA BANCORP, INC.

DATE: February 28, 2014

By: /s/ Gary S. Olson
Gary S. Olson, President and
Chief Executive Officer