

STERLING BANCORP
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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) **August 3, 2012**

Commission File Number: **1-5273-1**

Sterling Bancorp

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

New York **13-2565216**
(State of other jurisdiction (IRS Employer
of incorporation) Identification No.)

650 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10019-6108
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(212) 757-3300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

NA

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS

(a)-(c) Not applicable

(d)(1) On August 3, 2012, the Company issued a press release announcing the appointment of James B. Klein to the Board of Directors of both Sterling Bancorp and Sterling National Bank. The Board of Directors approved the appointment of Mr. Klein on August 2, 2012.

(d)(2) None

(d)(3) Mr. Klein has not yet been appointed to any committee of the Board of Directors.

(d)(4)-(5) None

(e) Not applicable

A copy of the Registrant's press release relating to Mr. Klein's appointment as director is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.

ITEM 9.01

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is furnished as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K:

99.1 Press release of the Registrant, dated August 3, 2012.

SIGNATURE

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.

DATE: August 6, 2012

BY: /s/ JOHN W. TIETJEN
JOHN W. TIETJEN
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer