

ESSA Bancorp, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
August 31, 2017

**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): August 30, 2017**

**ESSA Bancorp, Inc.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)**

**Pennsylvania**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**

**of Incorporation)**

**200 Palmer Street, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania**

**001-33384**  
**(Commission**

**File No.)**

**20-8023072**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**

**Identification No.)**

**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):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 8.01**    **Other Events**

On August 30, 2017, ESSA Bancorp, Inc. (the Company ) announced that the Company would make a payment of a cash dividend of \$0.09 per share of common stock. This dividend will be paid to stockholders of record as of September 16, 2017, payable on September 30, 2017. A copy of the press release announcing the dividend is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

**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<br>No. | Description  |
|----------------|--|
| 99.1           | ESSA Bancorp, Inc. press release dated August 30, 2017 |

**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: August 31, 2017

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