

Bauer George P
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Bauer George P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.
 [BWFG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/04/2019

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

C/O BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., 220 ELM STREET
 (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW CANAAN, CT 06840

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 153,895 | I | Held in Foundation |
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 249,521 | D ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 750 | D ⁽²⁾ | |
| Common Stock | 03/04/2019 | | A | 1,200 A | \$ 0 1,200 | D ⁽³⁾ | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Bauer George P C/O BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. 220 ELM STREET NEW CANAAN, CT 06840 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ George P. Bauer by
POA 03/06/2019

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) 1,000 shares of restricted stock granted on January 10, 2017, pursuant to the 2012 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan and will vest in two equal annual installments of 500 shares, with the first installment to vest on December 29, 2017 and the remaining 500 shares to vest on December 31, 2018. As of the Transaction Date, all Shares have vested.
 - (2) 1,000 shares of restricted stock granted on March 22, 2018, pursuant to the 2012 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan and will vest in four equal annual installments of 25%, with the first installment to vest on February 7, 2019 and an additional 25% to vest on each annual anniversary of the vesting date thereafter. As of the Transaction Date, 250 Shares have vested.
 - (3) 1,200 shares of restricted stock granted on March 4, 2019, pursuant to the 2012 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan and will vest in four equal annual installments of 25%, with the first installment to vest on February 7, 2020 and an additional 25% to vest on each annual anniversary of the vesting date thereafter.

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