

NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANCORP INC
Form 8-K
December 28, 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): December 28, 2017

NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware | 1-31565 | 06-1377322 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | Commission File Number | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |
| <u>615 Merrick Avenue, Westbury, New York 11590</u> | | |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | | |

(516) 683-4100
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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:

- 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 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

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.

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ITEM 8.01: Other Events

On December 28, 2017, the Company announced that it expects to record an after-tax benefit of approximately \$25 million during the fourth quarter of 2017 based on a re-valuation of its net deferred tax liability, which was necessitated by the recent passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. In addition, the Company announced that it expects an effective tax rate of about 27% during full-year 2018.

Cautionary Statements Regarding Forward-Looking Information

Statements made in this Current Report on Form 8-K may include forward looking statements by the Company and our authorized officers pertaining to such matters as our goals, intentions, and expectations regarding revenues, earnings, loan production, asset quality, capital levels, and acquisitions, among other matters; our estimates of future costs and benefits of the actions we may take; our assessments of probable losses on loans; our assessments of interest rate and other market risks; and our ability to achieve our financial and other strategic goals.

Forward looking statements are typically identified by such words as “believe,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “outlook,” “estimate,” “forecast,” “project,” and other similar words and expressions, and are subject to numerous assumptions, risks, and uncertainties, which change over time. Additionally, forward looking statements speak only as of the date they are made; the Company does not assume any duty, and does not undertake, to update our forward looking statements. Furthermore, because forward looking statements are subject to assumptions and uncertainties, actual results or future events could differ, possibly materially, from those anticipated in our statements, and our future performance could differ materially from our historical results.

Our forward looking statements are subject to the following principal risks and uncertainties: general economic conditions and trends, either nationally or locally; conditions in the securities markets; changes in interest rates; changes in deposit flows, and in the demand for deposit, loan, and investment products and other financial services; changes in real estate values; changes in the quality or composition of our loan or investment portfolios; changes in competitive pressures among financial institutions or from non financial institutions; our ability to obtain the necessary shareholder and regulatory approvals of any acquisitions we may propose; our ability to successfully integrate any assets, liabilities, customers, systems, and management personnel we may acquire into our operations, and our ability to realize related revenue synergies and cost savings within expected time frames; changes in legislation, regulations, and policies; and a variety of other matters which, by their nature, are subject to significant uncertainties and/or are beyond our control.

More information regarding some of these factors is provided in the Risk Factors section of our Form 10 K for the year ended December 31, 2016 and in other SEC reports we file. Our forward looking statements may also be subject to other risks and uncertainties, including those we may discuss in this news release, during investor presentations, or in our SEC filings, which are accessible on our website and at the SEC’s website, www.sec.gov.

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: December 28, 2017 NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC.

/s/ Salvatore J. DiMartino

Salvatore J. DiMartino

First Senior Vice President and Director,

Investor Relations and Strategic Planning

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number Description

Exhibit 99.1 News release issued by the Company on December 28, 2017.