

AMERISERV FINANCIAL INC /PA/
Form 8-K
January 25, 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**

January 25, 2017

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

AMERISERV FINANCIAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania
(State or other
jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-11204
(Commission
File Number)

25-1424278
(IRS Employer
Ident. No.)

Main and Franklin Streets, Johnstown, Pennsylvania
(Address of principal executive offices)

15901
(Zip Code)

(814) 533-5300

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

N/A

(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)

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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 January 25, 2017, AmeriServ Financial, Inc. issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors had declared a cash dividend of \$0.015 per share quarterly common stock cash dividend. The cash dividend is payable February 21, 2017 to shareholders of record on February 6, 2017. This increased cash dividend represents a 1.52% annualized yield using the January 24, 2017 closing common stock price of \$3.95 and represents an approximate payout ratio of 25% based upon the Company's recently reported fourth quarter 2016 earnings per share of \$0.06. The press release, attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, is incorporated herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibits:

99.1

Press release, dated January 25, 2017 of AmeriServ Financial, Inc.

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.

AMERISERV FINANCIAL, INC.

Dated: January 25, 2017

By: /s/ Michael D. Lynch
Michael D. Lynch
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit Number | Description |
|----------------|---|
| 99.1 | Press release, dated January 25, 2017, of AmeriServ Financial, Inc. |

Exhibit 99.1

**AMERISERV FINANCIAL, INC. ANNOUNCES QUARTERLY
COMMON STOCK CASH DIVIDEND**

JOHNSTOWN, PA – AmeriServ Financial, Inc. (NASDAQ: ASRV) announced that its Board of Directors declared a \$0.015 per share quarterly common stock cash dividend. The cash dividend is payable February 21, 2017 to shareholders of record on February 6, 2017. This cash dividend represents a 1.52% annualized yield using the January 24, 2017 closing common stock price of \$3.95 and represents an approximate payout ratio of 25% based upon the Company’s recently reported fourth quarter 2016 earnings per share of \$0.06.

AmeriServ Financial, Inc. is the parent of AmeriServ Financial Bank and AmeriServ Trust and Financial Services Company in Johnstown. The Company's subsidiaries provide full-service banking and trust and wealth management services through sixteen community offices in southwestern Pennsylvania. At December 31, 2016, AmeriServ had total assets of \$1.15 billion, a book value of \$5.05 per common share and a tangible book value of \$4.41 per common share.

Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains forward-looking statements as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is subject to the safe harbors created therein. The forward-looking statements contained herein include, but are not limited to, information regarding AmeriServ's dividend program and future payment obligations. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause AmeriServ's results to differ materially from management's current expectations. Such risks and uncertainties are detailed in AmeriServ's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015. Forward-looking statements are based on the beliefs and assumptions of AmeriServ's management and on currently available information. The statements in this press release are made as of the date of this press release, even if subsequently made available by AmeriServ on its website or otherwise. AmeriServ undertakes no responsibility to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement.