BRIDGE BANCORP INC Form 8-K December 17, 2008

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 16, 2008

BRIDGE BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of the registrant as specified in its charter)

New York 000-18546 11-2934195
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) of Identification No.) incorporation or

organization)

2200 Montauk Highway
Bridgehampton, New York
11932
(Address of principal executive offices)
(Zip Code)

(631) 537-1000 (Registrant's telephone number)

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 (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-4c)

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 17, 2008, the Registrant announced the declaration of a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.23 per share, payable on January 13, 2009 to shareholders of record as of December 30, 2008. A copy of the press release announcing the dividend is attached as <u>Exhibit 99.1</u> this Current Report.

On December 16, 2008 the Registrant also announced the approval by shareholders of an amendment to Bridge Bancorp's Certificate of Incorporation to issue preferred shares.

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- (a) Not Applicable.
- (b) Not Applicable.
- (c) Not Applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.

Exhibit

99.1

Press Release dated December 17, 2008

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.

Bridge Bancorp, Inc. (Registrant)

By: /s/ Kevin M. O'Connor Kevin M. O'Connor Chief Executive Officer

Dated: December 17, 2008