

ESSA Bancorp, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
March 06, 2012

**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): March 5, 2012**

**ESSA Bancorp, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Pennsylvania**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

**001-33384**  
(Commission

File No.)

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

Identification No.)

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200 Palmer Street, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

18360  
(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)
  
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- .. 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 March 5, 2012, the Board of Directors of ESSA Bancorp, Inc. (the Company ) announced that the Company would make a payment of a cash dividend of \$0.05 per share of common stock. This dividend shall be paid to stockholders of record as of March 16, 2012, payable on March 30, 2012.

A copy of the press releases announcing this item is attached as Exhibit 99.1. The information in the preceding paragraph, as well as Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933.

**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 No.	Description
99.1	Press release issued by the Company on March 5, 2012 announcing the issuance of a cash dividend.

**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: March 6, 2012

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