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## Section 1: 8-K (FORM 8-K)

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 28, 2018**

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**ESSA Bancorp, Inc.**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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**Pennsylvania**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-33384**  
(Commission  
File No.)

**20-8023072**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**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)

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

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 February 28, 2018, ESSA Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) announced that the Company would make a payment of a cash dividend of \$0.09 per share of common stock. This dividend will be paid to stockholders of record as of March 16, 2018, payable on March 30, 2018. A copy of the press release announcing the dividend is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

**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.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	<a href="#">ESSA Bancorp, Inc. press release dated February 28, 2018</a>

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## 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 1, 2018

By: /s/ Gary S. Olson

Gary S. Olson, President and  
Chief Executive Officer

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## Section 2: EX-99.1 (EX-99.1)

**Exhibit 99.1**



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Date: February 28, 2018  
Contact: Gary S. Olson, President & CEO  
Corporate Office: 200 Palmer Street  
Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania 18360  
Telephone: (570) 421-0531

### ESSA BANCORP, INC. DECLARES QUARTERLY DIVIDEND

**Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, February 28, 2018** — ESSA Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ Global Market<sup>SM</sup>: ESSA), the holding company for ESSA Bank & Trust, a \$1.8 billion asset institution providing full service retail and commercial banking, financial and investment services, today announced that its Board of Directors declared a dividend of nine cents (\$0.09) per share. The dividend is payable to shareholders of record as of March 16, 2018, payable on March 30, 2018.

This will be the fortieth consecutive quarter ESSA Bancorp, Inc. has paid a dividend to its shareholders. ESSA became a public company in April 2007.

#### About the Company

ESSA Bank & Trust, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ESSA Bancorp, Inc., has total assets of \$1.8 billion and is the leading service-oriented financial institution headquartered in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. The Bank maintains its corporate headquarters in downtown Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania and has 26 community offices throughout the Greater Pocono, Lehigh Valley, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and western Philadelphia markets in Pennsylvania. In addition to being one of the region's largest mortgage lenders, ESSA Bank & Trust offers a full range of retail, commercial financial services, and financial advisory and asset management capabilities. ESSA Bancorp, Inc. stock trades on the NASDAQ Global Market<sup>SM</sup> under the symbol "ESSA." ESSA Bancorp, Inc. became a public company in April, 2007.

#### Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained herein are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such forward-looking statements may be identified by reference to a future period or periods, or by the use of forward-looking terminology, such as "may," "will," "believe," "expect," "estimate," "anticipate," "continue," or similar terms or variations on those terms, or the negative of those terms. Forward-looking statements are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, those related to the economic environment, particularly in the market areas in which the Company operates, competitive products and pricing, fiscal and monetary policies of the U.S. Government, changes in government regulations affecting financial institutions, including compliance costs and capital requirements, changes in prevailing interest rates, acquisitions and the integration of acquired businesses, credit risk management, asset-liability management, the financial and securities markets and the availability of and costs associated with sources of liquidity.

The Company wishes to caution readers not to place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. The Company wishes to advise readers that the factors listed above could affect the Company's financial performance and could cause the Company's actual results for future

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periods to differ materially from any opinions or statements expressed with respect to future periods in any current statements. The Company does not undertake and specifically declines any obligation to publicly release the result of any revisions, that may be made to any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of such statements or to reflect the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events.

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