



# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



**Sussex Bancorp**

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## INVESTOR INFORMATION

### **STOCK INFORMATION**

Sussex Bancorp's Common Stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Market using the symbol "SBBX".

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Dear Fellow Shareholders,

2017 was an outstanding year for our company in many ways. We surpassed our previous earnings record set in 2016 by 39.4%, our stock price increased 28.5%, our assets grew by 15.4%, and asset quality and capital ratios remained strong.

Our CEO will provide more details on the 2017 results in his report on the following pages. As expected, Tony and his management team guided our organization to another remarkable year. We've grown accustomed to this, but as usual there were many potential distractions along the way. Our team never lost its focus.

Each year I attempt to provide you with some insight on the state of our company and take you beyond the financials. Last year I spoke of the like-minded people in our organization that define our culture and the connection between organizational success and individual character. Our belief in these guiding principles led us to an incredible opportunity in 2017.

Although traditionally focused on maximizing organic growth, we've always kept an open mind to expanding the franchise via a strategic partnership with the right organization. Of all the events that occurred during 2017, the most significant was reaching an agreement to partner with the people from Community Bank of Bergen County (CBBC). Simply put, we found a like-minded organization with attributes that mirrored our own: strong financial metrics, management that we liked, people that we trusted and leaders that we admired.

We closed the deal in early January 2018, and we welcomed Peter Michelotti to our team as Chief Operating Officer and to the board of directors. We also welcomed CBBC directors Walter Loeffler and Dominick D'Agosta to our board. These gentlemen have a proven track record of protecting shareholder interests. Their expertise and knowledge of our markets will be invaluable as we move forward.

Our company is extremely well-positioned to capitalize on the opportunities that lie ahead. Of equal importance, we'll stay diligent and seek to avoid pitfalls that may arise. We're driven, but also patient. We'll assess and manage risk while staying true to our commitment to strategic growth. We'll continue to invest heavily in our people, because they are everything.

Rest assured, we are the stewards of your capital.

Thank you for your loyalty to Sussex Bancorp and for the trust you have placed in me and my fellow directors. I give you my word that we will continue to work diligently to reward your faith.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward J. Leppert".

**Edward J. Leppert**  
Chairman of the Board

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO



*Continuing to deliver outstanding returns to our shareholders would not be possible without a dedicated and engaged workforce.*



Dear Fellow Shareholders,

It has been eight years since I arrived at Sussex Bank with key executives. What an amazing journey it has been: resolving the significant credit issues we had to navigate through, implementing a new culture, developing a new strategic plan and adopting a new business model. As we evolve, our talented team governed by a strong board of directors continues to execute our plan. Our capacity to execute has resulted in record earnings for many years, including 2017. We have strengthened our profitability measures, and as a result, you have supported us through an oversubscribed common stock offering. Our success facilitated our ability to complete a merger, which we closed in January of 2018. Because of our accomplishments, our shareholders have realized total returns over the last year, five years and eight years of 30%, 421% and 734%, respectively.

The most exciting part of our journey still lies ahead of us. As a larger Company, we have more possibilities to attract talent, penetrate new markets and be more opportunistic with strategic acquisitions as we continue on our journey as a “higher-performing” Company.

The current operating environment presents many different challenges. Technology, for example, is driving change at unprecedented levels. While we are cognizant of the change and continually evaluate our business model and its relationship to our customers, it is also a time for resiliency. We are reminded of what has propelled our success: a strong culture that is safeguarded by a set of guiding principles. Rooted in our principles, we are more focused than ever on deepening the relationships with our customers and enhancing their experience with our Company.

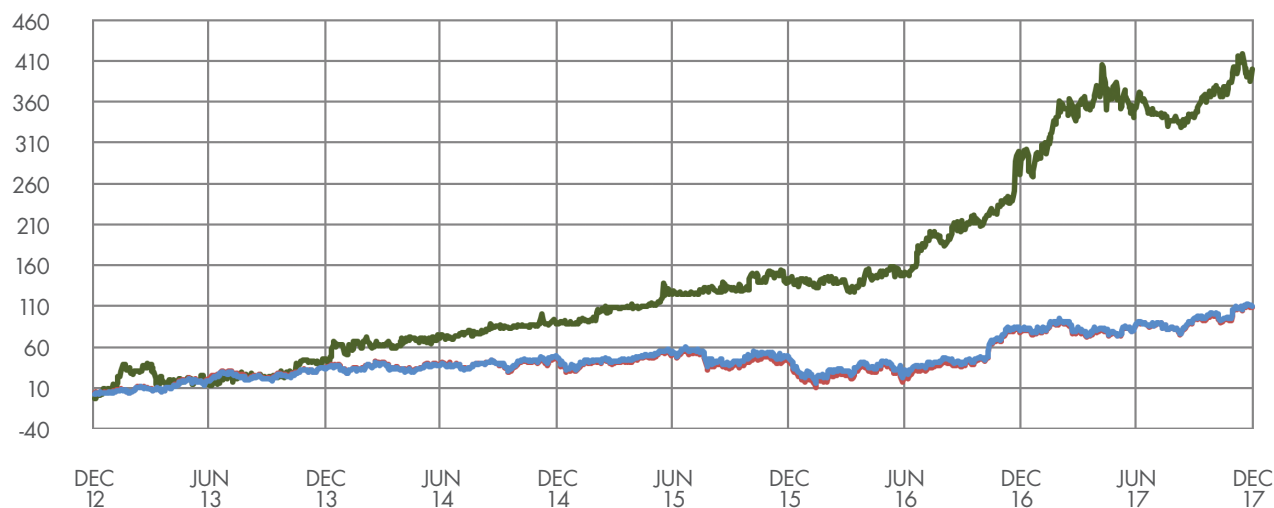
### **FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AND SHAREHOLDER VALUE**

In 2017, after adjusting for merger-related expenses and the impact from the Tax Act on income tax expenses, we again delivered record earnings of \$7.7 million or \$1.42 per diluted share, up 40% from the prior year. The improvement is directly linked to the continued success of each of our principal business lines. Due to our intense focus on deepening the emotional connection with our customers, our commercial, retail and insurance divisions grew 19.1%, 15.4% and 17.8%, respectively. As I have mentioned many times, our approach to banking continues to produce a level of stakeholder advocacy that propels our growth organically. To all of our employees who live our guiding principles and work hard to execute our vision, I want to express my gratitude. Thank you for making 2017 another outstanding year for Sussex Bancorp.

To support our growth, we completed a common stock offering in June of 2017. We were very pleased with the overwhelming confidence and support from our shareholders, which resulted in an oversubscribed and successful common stock offering of \$28.2 million in net proceeds. This additional capital is being used to support the continued growth of our business. As a result, our capital remains strong. Our leverage, Common Equity Tier I, Tier I and total risk-based capital ratios are all well in excess of ratios required to be considered a “well-capitalized” bank. Our year-over-year (2016 vs. 2017) stock price is up 29%. And over a five year period from 2012 through 2017, our stock price grew an impressive 399%.

### SUSSEX BANCORP PRICE CHANGE (%)

NASDAQ: SBBX: 399.07% — KBW Nasdaq Bank: 108.09% — SNL U.S. Bank and Thrift: 109.51%



### GROWTH STRATEGY

Expanding our business remains a key focus for our bank. It can be said that this year was a pivotal year for us. We formed a strategic partnership through the acquisition of Community Bank of Bergen County, NJ. The partnership has given us more scale in a vibrant market, and to date we are excited with the progress and momentum.

We have been very successful in expanding into key markets and growing organically. This year we are expanding into Hudson County, NJ, with the opening of our new banking center in Weehawken, NJ. Attracting and retaining talent continues to be vital to our success, and the new individuals who will be instrumental to our success in Hudson County are now on staff and beginning to execute our plan.

In 2018, we will continue to evaluate and invest in technology as we continue our journey to create an integrated digital banking platform that creates a seamless, unified and consistent customer experience. Our aim is to make banking simple, fast and easy from anywhere and at any time through the customer's preferred channel.

Lastly, to grow responsibly, we need to ensure that our infrastructure and risk management capabilities are on par with our growth. As such, we have made considerable investments to help us manage the increasing scale and complexity of our organization. A part of that investment includes a new senior risk management officer, who will not only oversee regulatory compliance but enhance our enterprise-wide risk management capabilities.

## **OUR PEOPLE, OUR CUSTOMERS AND OUR COMMUNITIES**

Continuing to deliver outstanding returns to our shareholders would not be possible without a dedicated and engaged workforce. We believe hiring, motivating and rewarding talented people and immersing them in a culture that places an extraordinary premium on their employee experience leads to a more engaged and results-driven TEAM. This year, we expect to implement the next phase of our plan, which includes, but is not limited to, improved training, personal development plans and enhanced techniques to measure the experience of our TEAM.

The customer truly is at the center of everything we do! As our Company grows, we want to ensure that what we consider our differentiator, our capacity to create advocacy by deepening the emotional connection with our customers, remains strong. As such, we are taking the next step in our plan and implementing a tool designed to measure our customers' experience and help us determine what we can do better. Measuring the customer experience will give us a better view on how our customers feel about banking with us, and once it is benchmarked, we intend to tie these customer experience scores to performance evaluations and reward plans.

We believe that it is our responsibility to support the communities in which we work and live. We do so by volunteering our time, being members of organizations that serve the needs of our community, contributing money and working hard to raise funds for charitable causes. Last year, we set new milestones for our program as we led efforts to raise approximately \$300,000 in support of local charitable organizations. We reinforced our commitment by contributing nearly \$68,000 to support various local civic and youth organizations, such as the Boy Scouts of America and the Boys and Girls Club; to aid women and children by supporting Oasis – A Haven for Women and Children; to foster education through contributions to local high schools and college scholarship programs; to support our veterans via Homes Fit for Heroes; to help build our communities through Habitat for Humanity; and to support unique patient care programs like the Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice.

## **THE ROAD AHEAD**

Looking ahead, the financial services industry will face new challenges as well as the rising threat of old risks. Technology and new disruptors present financial institutions with the challenge to be innovative and rethink their business model. As technology plays an ever-increasing role in the financial services industry, the growing threat to cyber-security will require more focus.

In addition to the new threats, banks will need to contend with more traditional risks such as liquidity risk and interest rate risk due to the changing shape of the yield curve and perhaps more pressure on funding. Furthermore, as certain lending markets may have perceived "bubbles," it is important to remain disciplined and not loosen underwriting standards.

As we assess these challenges, we again promise to remain focused on delivering exceptional results to all of our stakeholders. Our guiding principles will ensure that we pay attention to how we achieve our results and maintain a long-term perspective. I am confident that we have the management team in place that can continue to execute our plan and create long-term shareholder value.

I am grateful for your continued trust and confidence. We look forward to another successful year.



**Anthony Labozzetta**  
President and CEO

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

**FORM 10-K**

- ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017
- TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number 0-29030

**SUSSEX BANCORP**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**New Jersey**

**22-3475473**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**100 Enterprise Drive, Suite 700  
Rockaway, New Jersey 07866**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(844) 256-7328**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Name of exchange on which registered
Common Stock, no par value	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: **None**

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer       Accelerated filer       Non-accelerated filer       Smaller reporting company   
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes  No

Based upon the closing price of \$24.35 on June 30, 2017, the aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates was \$147,087,733. The number of shares of the registrant's common stock, no par value, outstanding as of March 8, 2018 was 7,929,613.

### **DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Portions of the Proxy Statement for the 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The Proxy Statement will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days of the registrant's fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.



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## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

We may, from time to time, make written or oral “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements contained in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), our reports to stockholders and in other communications by us. This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains “forward-looking statements,” which may be identified by the use of such words as “believe,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “should,” “planned,” “estimated,” and “potential.” Examples of forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, estimates with respect to our financial condition, results of operation and business that are subject to various factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from these estimates. These factors include, but are not limited to:

- changes to interest rates, the ability to control costs and expenses;
- our ability to integrate new technology into our operations;
- general economic conditions;
- the success of our efforts to diversify our revenue base by developing additional sources of non-interest income while continuing to manage our existing fee based business;
- the impact on us of the changing statutory and regulatory requirements; and
- the risks inherent in commencing operations in new markets.

Any or all of our forward-looking statements in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, and in any other public statements we make may turn out to be wrong. They can be affected by inaccurate assumptions we might make or by known or unknown risks and uncertainties. Consequently, no forward-looking statements can be guaranteed. We disclaim any obligation to subsequently revise 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.

Unless the context indicates otherwise, all references in this Annual Report on Form 10-K to “Sussex Bancorp,” “we,” “us,” “our” and “the Company” refer to Sussex Bancorp and its subsidiaries. References to the “Bank” are to Sussex Bank, our wholly owned bank subsidiary.

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## PART I

### ITEM 1. BUSINESS

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#### General

Sussex Bancorp is a bank holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended (the “BHC Act”) and was incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey in January 1996. The Company is the parent company of Sussex Bank (the “Bank”). The only significant asset of Sussex Bancorp is its investment in the Bank. At December 31, 2017, the Company had consolidated total assets of \$979.4 million, gross loans of \$821.7 million, deposits of \$762.5 million and stockholders’ equity of \$94.2 million.

The Bank is a commercial bank formed under the laws of the State of New Jersey in 1975 and is regulated by the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance (the “Department”) and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the “FDIC”). The Bank’s wholly owned subsidiaries are SCB Investment Company, Inc., SCBNY Company, Inc., ClassicLake Enterprises, LLC, PPD Holding Company, LLC and Tri-State Insurance Agency, Inc. (“Tri-State”). SCB Investment Company, Inc. and SCBNY Company, Inc. hold portions of the Bank’s investment portfolio. ClassicLake Enterprises, LLC and PPD Holding Company, LLC hold certain foreclosed properties. Tri-State provides insurance agency services mostly through the sale of property and casualty insurance policies.

The corporate office of the Company is located at 100 Enterprise Drive, Suite 700, Rockaway, New Jersey, 07866, and the telephone number is (844) 256-7328.

#### Community Bank of Bergen County, NJ Acquisition

On January 4, 2018, the Company completed the previously announced acquisition of Community Bank of Bergen County, NJ (“Community”). In connection with the acquisition, Community merged with and into Sussex Bank, with Sussex Bank continuing as the surviving entity. In connection with the acquisition, the Company also acquired certain subsidiaries of Community.

#### Our Business

Our primary business is ownership and supervision of the Bank. Through the Bank, we conduct a traditional commercial banking business, and offer services including personal and business checking accounts and time deposits, money market accounts and savings accounts. We structure our specific services and charges in a manner designed to attract the business of the small and medium sized business and professional community as well as that of individuals residing, working and shopping in the northern New Jersey and New York markets. We engage in a wide range of lending activities and offer commercial, consumer, mortgage, home equity and personal loans.

Through the Bank’s subsidiary, Tri-State, we operate a full service general insurance agency, offering both commercial and personal lines of insurance.

We have two business segments, banking and financial services and insurance services. For financial data on the segments see Note 3 of our consolidated financial statements located elsewhere in this report.

#### Market Area

Our service area primarily consists of Sussex, Morris and Bergen Counties in New Jersey and Queens Counties, New York; although we make loans throughout New Jersey and the New York metropolitan markets. We operate from our corporate office in Rockaway, New Jersey, and, as of December 31, 2017, our eleven branch offices located in Andover, Augusta, Franklin, Hackettstown, Montague, Newton, Oradell, Sparta, Vernon, and Wantage, New Jersey, and in Astoria, New York, our regional office and corporate center in Wantage, New Jersey and our insurance agency offices in Augusta and Oradell, New Jersey. On December 18, 2013 we permanently closed our Warwick, New York branch location and during the first and third quarters of 2014 we opened a corporate office and a regional office and corporate center in Rockaway and Wantage, New Jersey, respectively. We opened a new branch location in Astoria, New York during the first quarter of 2015. On March 5, 2016 we opened a new branch location which includes a regional lending office in Oradell, NJ in Bergen County. On April 1, 2016 we permanently closed our regional lending and insurance agency offices in Rochelle Park, New Jersey, and transferred such lending and insurance activities to our Oradell branch. On April 29, 2016 we permanently closed our Port Jervis, New York branch location. Our market area is

among the most affluent in the nation. Following the completion of the acquisition of Community Bank of Bergen County, NJ on January 4, 2018, the Bank has an additional three branches located in Bergen County.

## **Competition**

We operate in a highly competitive environment competing for deposits and loans with commercial banks, thrifts and other financial institutions, many of which have greater financial resources than us. Many large financial institutions in New York City and other parts of New Jersey compete for the business of customers located in our service area. Many of these institutions have significantly higher lending limits than us and provide services to their customers which we do not offer.

Management believes we are able to compete on a substantially equal basis with our competitors because we provide responsive personalized services through management's knowledge and awareness of our service area, customers and business.

## **Personnel**

At December 31, 2017, we employed 140 full-time employees and 16 part-time employees. None of these employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement and we believe that our employee relations are good.

## **Supervision and Regulation**

The Company, the Bank and certain of its non-banking subsidiaries are subject to extensive regulation under federal and state laws. The regulatory framework applicable to bank holding companies and their subsidiary banks is intended to protect depositors, federal deposit insurance fund (the "DIF") of the FDIC, and the U.S. banking system as a whole. This system is not designed to protect investors in bank holding companies such as the Company.

Set forth below is a summary of the significant laws and regulations applicable to the Company and its subsidiaries. The summary that follows is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the statutes, regulations, and policies that are described. Statutes, regulations and policies are subject to ongoing review by Congress, state legislatures and federal and state regulatory agencies. A change in any statute, regulation or policy applicable to the Company and its subsidiaries may have a material effect on the Company's operations and financial performance. Financial reform legislation and regulations, including the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (the "Dodd-Frank Act"), may have adverse implications on the financial industry, the competitive environment and our ability to conduct business. As a result, we may incur additional expenses to comply with applicable laws and regulations, which may increase our costs of operations and adversely impact our earnings.

## **Overview**

The Company is a separate and distinct legal entity from the Bank. As a registered bank holding company, the Company is regulated under the BHC Act, and is subject to inspection, examination and supervision by the FRB. The Company is also subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and the regulatory requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as administered by the SEC. The Company's common stock is listed on the NASDAQ under the trading symbol, "SBBX," and the Company is subject to the NASDAQ rules for listed companies.

The Bank is organized as a state-chartered commercial bank pursuant to the banking laws and regulations of the Department. The Bank is subject to the supervision of, and to regular examination by, the Department as its primary chartering authority, as well as by the FDIC as its primary federal regulator and deposit insurer. Financial products and services offered by the Company and the Bank are subject to federal consumer protection laws and regulations promulgated by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau ("CFPB"). The Company, the Bank and certain of its nonbank subsidiaries must also comply with state consumer protection laws which are enforced by state attorneys general. The Bank's deposits are insured by the FDIC up to the applicable deposit insurance limits in accordance with FDIC laws and regulations. The non-bank subsidiaries of the Company and the Bank are subject to federal and state laws and regulations, including regulations of the FRB, the FDIC and the Department, respectively. Insurance agencies are licensed by the State of New Jersey and are regulated by the Department under state law.

The Dodd-Frank Act significantly changed the U.S. financial regulatory landscape. Several provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act are subject to further rulemaking, guidance and interpretation by the federal banking agencies. As a result, management cannot predict the ultimate impact of the Dodd-Frank Act or the extent to which it could affect operations of the Company and the Bank.

## **Federal Bank Holding Company Regulation**

The Company is a bank holding company under the BHC Act. The BHC Act generally limits the business of the Company to banking, managing or controlling banks, and other activities that the FRB has determined to be so closely related to banking “as to be a proper incident thereto.” The Company is required to file periodic reports with the FRB and other information regarding its business operations and those of its subsidiaries.

The BHC Act requires, among other things, prior FRB approval where a bank holding company proposes to (i) acquire all or substantially all of the assets of any other bank, (ii) acquire direct or indirect ownership or control of more than 5% of any class of voting stock of any bank or its parent company (unless it owns a majority of such bank’s voting shares) or (iii) merge or consolidate with any other bank holding company. The FRB will not approve any acquisition, merger, or consolidation that would have a substantially anti-competitive effect, unless the anti-competitive impact of the proposed transaction is clearly outweighed by a greater public interest in meeting the convenience and needs of the community to be served. When reviewing acquisitions or mergers, the FRB also considers, among other factors: (i) capital adequacy; (ii) the financial and managerial resources and future prospects of the companies and the banks concerned; (iii) the convenience and needs of the community to be served; (iv) banks' record under the Community Reinvestment Act (“CRA”); and (v) the effectiveness of the companies and the banks in combatting money laundering.

The BHC Act also generally prohibits a bank holding company, with certain limited exceptions, from (i) acquiring or retaining direct or indirect ownership or control of more than 5% of the outstanding voting stock of any company which is not a bank or bank holding company; or (ii) engaging directly or indirectly in activities other than those of banking, managing or controlling banks, or performing services for its subsidiaries, unless such non-banking business is determined by the FRB to be so closely related to banking or managing or controlling banks “as to be properly incident thereto”. In making such determinations, the FRB is required to weigh the expected benefits to the public, such as, greater convenience, increased competition or gains in efficiency, against the possible adverse effects, such as, undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interest or unsound banking practices.

Bank holding companies whose subsidiary banks meet certain capital, management and standards under the CRA, that elect to become “financial holding companies,” are permitted to engage in a substantially broader range of non-banking financial activities than is otherwise permissible for bank holding companies under the BHC Act. These activities include, among others, certain insurance, securities and merchant banking activities. As our business is currently limited to activities permissible for a bank holding company, we have not elected to become a financial holding company.

## **Mergers and Acquisitions**

The BHC Act, the Bank Merger Act, and other federal and state statutes regulate the direct and indirect acquisition of depository institutions. The BHC Act requires the prior FRB approval for a bank holding company to acquire, directly or indirectly, 5% or more of any class of voting securities of commercial bank or its parent holding company and for a company, other than a bank holding company, to acquire 25% or more of any class of voting securities of a bank or bank holding company. Under the Change in Bank Control Act, any person, including a company, may not acquire, directly or indirectly, control of a bank without providing 60 days’ prior notice and receiving a non-objection from the appropriate federal banking agency.

Under the Bank Merger Act, the prior approval of the appropriate federal banking agency is required for insured depository institutions to merge or enter into purchase and assumption transactions. In reviewing applications seeking approval of merger and purchase and assumption transactions, the federal banking agencies will consider, among other things, the competitive effect and public benefits of the transactions, the capital position of the combined banking organization, the applicant’s performance record under the CRA, and the effectiveness of the subject organizations in combating money laundering activities. For further information relating to the CRA, see the "Community Reinvestment Act of 1977".

## **Source of Strength Doctrine**

FRB policy requires that bank holding companies act as a source of financial and managerial strength to their subsidiary banks. Section 616 of the Dodd-Frank Act codifies the requirement that bank holding companies serve as a source of financial strength to their subsidiary depository institutions. As a result, the Company is expected to commit resources to support the Bank, including at times when the Company may not be in a financial position to provide such resources. Any capital loan by the Company to the Bank is subordinate in right of payment to deposits and to certain other indebtedness of the Bank. The U.S. Bankruptcy Code provides that, in the event of a bank holding company’s bankruptcy, any commitment by the bank holding company to a federal bank regulatory agency to maintain the capital of a subsidiary bank will be assumed by the bankruptcy trustee and entitled to priority of payment.

## **Volcker Rule**

Section 619 of the Dodd-Frank Act, commonly known as the Volcker Rule, restricts the ability of banking entities, such as the Company, from: (i) engaging in “proprietary trading” and (ii) investing in or sponsoring certain types of funds (“Covered Funds”), subject to certain limited exceptions. The implementing regulation defines a Covered Fund to include certain investments such as collateralized loan obligation (“CLO”) and collateralized debt obligation securities. The regulation also provides, among other exemptions, an exemption for CLOs meeting certain requirements. The Company is fully compliant with the Volcker Rule. Given the Company’s size and the scope of its activities, the Company’s implementation of the Volcker Rule had no significant effect on its financial statements.

## **Dividend Rights**

The principal source of the Company’s liquidity is dividends from the Bank. As a New Jersey-chartered bank, the Bank may declare and pay dividends only if, after payment of the dividend, the capital stock of the Bank will be unimpaired and either the Bank will have a surplus of not less than 50% of its capital stock or the payment of the dividend will not reduce the Bank’s surplus.

The Company’s ability to pay dividends is subject to the regulatory authority of the FRB. The supervisory concern of the FRB focuses on a bank holding company’s capital position, its ability to meet its financial obligations as they come due, and its capacity to act as a source of financial strength to its insured depository institution subsidiaries. In addition, FRB policy discourages the payment of dividends by a bank holding company that is not supported by current operating earnings.

## **Capital Adequacy and Prompt Corrective Action**

In July 2013, the FRB, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the “OCC”) and the FDIC approved final rules (the “Capital Rules”) that established a new comprehensive capital framework for U.S. banking organizations. The Capital Rules generally implement the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision’s (the “Basel Committee”) December 2010 final capital framework referred to as “Basel III” for strengthening international capital standards. In addition, the Capital Rules implement certain provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act, including the requirements of Section 939A to remove references to credit ratings from the federal banking agencies’ rules.

The Capital Rules substantially revised the risk-based capital requirements applicable to bank holding companies and their depository institution subsidiaries. The risk-based capital guidelines are designed to make regulatory capital requirements sensitive to differences in risk profiles among banks and bank holding companies, to account for off-balance sheet exposures and to minimize disincentives for holding liquid, low-risk assets. The Capital Rules apply on a consolidated basis to bank holding companies with consolidated assets of \$1 billion or more, and to certain bank holding companies with less than \$1 billion in assets if they are engaged in substantial non-banking activity or meet certain other criteria. Under FRB reporting requirements, a bank holding company that reaches \$1 billion or more in total consolidated assets as of June 30 of the preceding year must begin reporting its consolidated capital beginning in March of the following year. The threshold for capital consolidation was raised from \$500 million to \$1 billion effective May 15, 2015. As a result, the Company is no longer required to report its consolidated capital. The Bank, however, must continue to meet minimum capital requirements and otherwise comply with the Capital Rules.

The Capital Rules: (i) require a capital measure called “Common Equity Tier 1” (“CET1”) and related regulatory capital ratio of CET1 to risk-weighted assets; (ii) specify that Tier 1 capital consists of CET1 and “Additional Tier 1 capital” instruments meeting certain revised requirements; (iii) mandate that most deductions/adjustments to regulatory capital measures be made to CET1 and not to the other components of capital; and (iv) expand the scope of the deductions from and adjustments to capital as compared to existing regulations. The Capital Rules revised the definitions and the components of regulatory capital and impacted the calculation of the numerator in banking institutions’ regulatory capital ratios. The Capital Rules became effective for the Bank on January 1, 2015, subject to phase-in periods for certain components and other provisions. Under the Capital Rules, for most banking organizations, the most common form of Additional Tier 1 capital is non-cumulative perpetual preferred stock and the most common forms of Tier 2 capital are subordinated notes and a portion of the allocation for loan losses, in each case, subject to the Capital Rules’ specific requirements.

Pursuant to the Capital Rules, the minimum capital ratios are as follows:

- 4.5% CET1 to risk-weighted assets;
- 6.0% Tier 1 capital (CET1 plus Additional Tier 1 capital) to risk-weighted assets;



- 8.0% Total capital (Tier 1 capital plus Tier 2 capital) to risk-weighted assets; and
- 4.0% Tier 1 capital to average consolidated assets as reported on consolidated financial statements (the “leverage ratio”).

The Capital Rules also requires a “capital conservation buffer,” composed entirely of CET1, in addition to these minimum risk-weighted asset ratios. The capital conservation buffer is designed to absorb losses during periods of economic stress. Banking institutions with a ratio of CET1 to risk-weighted assets above the minimum but below the capital conservation buffer will face constraints on dividends, equity and other capital instrument repurchases and compensation based on the amount of the shortfall. When fully phased-in on January 1, 2019, the capital standards applicable to the Bank will include an additional capital conservation buffer of 2.5% of CET1, effectively resulting in minimum ratios inclusive of the capital conservation buffer of (i) CET1 to risk-weighted assets of at least 7%, (ii) Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets of at least 8.5%, and (iii) Total capital to risk-weighted assets of at least 10.5%.

The Capital Rules provide for a number of deductions from and adjustments to CET1. These include, for example, the requirement that mortgage servicing rights, deferred tax assets arising from temporary differences that could not be realized through net operating loss carrybacks and significant investments in non-consolidated financial entities be deducted from CET1 to the extent that any one such category exceeds 10% of CET1 or all such items, in the aggregate, exceed 15% of CET1. The deduction and adjustments will be incrementally phased in between January 1, 2015 and January 1, 2019.

In addition, under the prior general risk-based capital rules, the effects of accumulated other comprehensive income or loss (“AOCI”) items included in shareholders’ equity (for example, marks-to-market of securities held in the available-for-sale portfolio) under U.S. GAAP are reversed for the purposes of determining regulatory capital ratios. Pursuant to the Capital Rules, the effects of certain AOCI items are not excluded; however, banking organizations not using the advanced approaches, including the Bank were permitted to make a one-time permanent election to continue to exclude these items in January 2015. The Bank elected to make the one-time permanent election to exclude certain AOCI items for regulatory capital ratios. The Capital Rules also preclude certain hybrid securities, such as trust preferred securities issued after May 19, 2010, from inclusion in bank holding companies’ Tier 1 capital.

Implementation of the deductions and other adjustments to CET1 began on January 1, 2015 and will be phased-in over a 4-year period (beginning at 40% on January 1, 2015 and an additional 20% per year thereafter). The implementation of the capital conservation buffer began on January 1, 2016 at the 0.625% level and increases by 0.625% on each subsequent January 1, until it reaches 2.5% on January 1, 2019.

The Capital Rules prescribe a standardized approach for risk weightings, generally ranging from 0% for U.S. governmental and agency securities, to 600% for certain equity exposures, and resulting in higher risk weights for a variety of asset classes.

Pursuant to Section 38 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (the “FDIA”), federal banking agencies are required to take “prompt corrective action” should a depository institution fail to meet certain capital adequacy standards. For purposes of prompt corrective action, to be: (i) well-capitalized, a bank must have a total risk based capital ratio of at least 10%, a Tier 1 risk based capital ratio of at least 8%, a CET1 risk based capital ratio of at least 6.5%, and a Tier 1 leverage ratio of at least 5%; (ii) adequately capitalized, a bank must have a total risk based capital ratio of at least 4.5%, and a Tier 1 leverage ratio of at least 4%; (iii) undercapitalized, a bank would have a total risk based capital ratio of less than 8%, a Tier 1 risk based capital ratio of less than 6%, a CET1 risk based capital ratio of less than 4.5%, and a Tier 1 leverage ratio of less than 4%; (iv) significantly undercapitalized, a bank would have a total risk based capital ratio of less than 6%, a Tier 1 risk based capital ratio of less than 4%, a CET1 risk based capital ratio of less than 3%, and a Tier 1 leverage ratio of less than 3%; and (v) critically undercapitalized, a bank would have a ratio of tangible equity to total assets that is less than or equal to 2%.

Bank holding companies and insured banks also may be subject to potential enforcement actions of varying levels of severity by the federal banking agencies for unsafe or unsound practices in conducting their business, or for violation of any law, rule, regulation, condition imposed in writing by the agency or term of a written agreement with the agency. In more serious cases, enforcement actions may include the issuance of directives to increase capital; the issuance of formal and informal agreements; the imposition of civil monetary penalties; the issuance of a cease and desist order that can be judicially enforced; the issuance of removal and prohibition orders against officers, directors, and other institution-affiliated parties; the termination of the bank’s deposit insurance; the appointment of a conservator or receiver for the bank; and the enforcement of such actions through injunctions or restraining orders based upon a judicial determination that the agency would be harmed if such equitable relief was not granted.

Management believes that the Bank is in compliance, and will remain in compliance, with the targeted capital ratios as such capital requirements are phased in.

## **Depositor Preference**

The FDIA provides that, in the event of the “liquidation or other resolution” of an insured depository institution, the claims of depositors of the institution, including the claims of the FDIC as subrogee of insured depositors, and certain claims for administrative expenses of the FDIC as a receiver, will have priority over other general unsecured claims against the institution. If an insured depository institution fails, insured and uninsured depositors, along with the FDIC, will have priority in payment ahead of unsecured, non-deposit creditors, including the parent bank holding company, with respect to any extensions of credit they have made to such insured depository institution

## **Federal Deposit Insurance**

The Bank’s deposit accounts are fully insured by the DIF of the FDIC up to the deposit insurance limits of \$250,000 per depositor, per insured institution, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

The FDIC uses a risk-based assessment system that imposes insurance premiums based upon a risk matrix that accounts for a bank's capital level and supervisory rating (“CAMELS rating”). The risk matrix uses different risk categories distinguished by capital levels and supervisory ratings. The base for deposit insurance assessments is consolidated average assets less average tangible equity. Assessment rates are calculated using formulas that take into account the risk of the institution being assessed. In addition to deposit insurance assessments, the FDIA provides for additional assessments to be imposed on insured depository institutions to pay for the cost of Financing Corporation (“FICO”) funding. The FICO is a mixed-ownership government corporation established by the Competitive Equality Banking Act of 1987, whose sole purpose was to function as a financing vehicle for the now defunct Federal Savings & Loan Insurance Corporation. The FICO assessments are adjusted quarterly to reflect changes in the assessment base of the DIF and do not vary depending upon a depository institution’s capitalization or supervisory evaluation.

Under the FDIA, the FDIC may terminate deposit insurance upon a finding that an insured depository institution has engaged in unsafe and unsound practices, is in an unsafe or unsound condition to continue operations, or has violated any applicable law, regulation, rule, order or condition imposed by the FDIC. The Company’s management is not aware of any practice, condition or violation that might lead to the termination of deposit insurance.

## **Reserve Requirements**

FRB regulations require insured depository institutions to maintain non-interest earning reserves against their transaction accounts (primary interest-bearing and regular checking accounts). The Bank’s required reserves can be in the form of vault cash. If vault cash does not fully satisfy the required reserves, in the form of a balance maintained with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. In 2017 FRB regulations required that reserves be maintained against aggregate transaction accounts, except for transaction accounts which are exempt up to \$15.5 million. Transaction accounts greater than \$15.5 million up to and including \$115.1 million have a reserve requirement of 3%. A 10% reserve ratio will be assessed on transaction accounts in excess of \$115.1 million. The FRB makes annual adjustments to the tiered reserves. The Bank was in compliance with these reserve requirements.

## **Transactions with Affiliates and Insiders**

Under federal law, transactions between insured depository institutions and their affiliates are governed by Sections 23A and 23B of the Federal Reserve Act (“FRA”) and its implementing Regulation W. In a bank holding company context, at a minimum, the parent holding company of a bank, and any companies which are controlled by such parent holding company, are affiliates of the bank. Generally, sections 23A and 23B of the FRA are intended to protect insured depository institutions from losses arising from transactions with non-insured affiliates by limiting the extent to which a bank or its subsidiaries may engage in covered transactions with any one affiliate and with all affiliates of the bank in the aggregate, and requiring that such transactions be on terms consistent with safe and sound banking practices.

Further, Section 22(h) of the FRA and its implementing Regulation O restricts loans to directors, executive officers, and principal stockholders (“insiders”). Under Section 22(h), loans to insiders and their related interests may not exceed, together with all other outstanding loans to such persons and affiliated entities, the institution’s total capital and surplus. Loans to insiders above specified amounts must receive the prior approval of the board of directors. Further, under Section 22(h) of the FRA, loans to directors, executive officers and principal stockholders must be made on terms substantially the same as offered in comparable transactions to other persons, except that such insiders may receive preferential loans made under a benefit or compensation program that is widely available to the bank’s employees and does not give preference to the insider over the employees. Section 22(g) of the FRA places additional limitations on loans to executive officers.

## **Anti-Money-Laundering**

The Bank Secrecy Act (“BSA”), as amended by the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (“USA PATRIOT Act”), imposes obligations on U.S. financial institutions, including banks and broker-dealer subsidiaries, to implement policies, procedures and controls which are reasonably designed to detect and report instances of money laundering and the financing of terrorism. The USA PATRIOT Act requires all financial institutions, including the Company and the Bank, to identify their customers, adopt formal and comprehensive anti-money laundering programs, scrutinize or prohibit altogether certain transactions of special concern, and be prepared to respond to inquiries from U.S. law enforcement agencies concerning their customers and their transactions. The USA PATRIOT Act also encourages information-sharing among financial institutions, regulators, and law enforcement authorities by providing an exemption from the privacy provisions of the GLB Act for financial institutions that comply with this provision. The effectiveness of a financial institution in combating money laundering activities is a factor to be considered in any application submitted by the financial institution under the Bank Merger Act, which applies to the Bank, or the BHC Act, which applies to the Company. Failure of a financial institution to maintain and implement adequate programs to combat money laundering and terrorist financing, or to comply with all of the relevant laws or regulations, could have serious legal, financial and reputational consequences. As of December 31, 2017, the Company and the Bank believe that they are in compliance with the BSA and the USA PATRIOT Act, and implementing regulations thereof.

## **Office of Foreign Assets Control Regulation**

The United States has imposed economic sanctions that affect transactions with designated foreign countries, nationals and others. These are typically known as the “OFAC” rules based on their administration by the U.S. Treasury Department Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”). The OFAC-administered sanctions targeting countries take many different forms. Generally, they contain one or more of the following elements: i) restrictions on trade with or investment in a sanctioned country, including prohibitions against direct or indirect imports from and exports to a sanctioned country and prohibitions on “U.S. persons” engaging in financial transactions relating to making investments in, or providing investment-related advice or assistance to, a sanctioned country; and ii) a blocking of assets in which the government or specially designated nationals of the sanctioned country have an interest, by prohibiting transfers of property subject to U.S. jurisdiction (including property in the possession or control of U.S. persons). Blocked assets (property and bank deposits) cannot be paid out, withdrawn, set off or transferred in any manner without a license from OFAC. Failure to comply with these sanctions could have serious legal and reputational consequences.

## **Consumer Protection and CFPB Supervision**

The Dodd-Frank Act centralized responsibility for federal consumer financial protection in the CFPB, which is an independent agency charged with responsibility for implementing, enforcing, and examining compliance with federal consumer financial protection laws and regulations. The Company and the Bank are subject to a number of federal and state laws designed to protect borrowers and promote lending to various sectors of the economy. Among others, these laws include the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Truth in Lending Act, the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, various state law counterparts, and the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, which is part of the Dodd-Frank Act and established the CFPB. The Dodd-Frank Act does not prevent states from adopting stricter consumer protection standards. State regulation of financial products and potential enforcement actions could also adversely affect the Company’s business, financial condition or operations.

## **Community Reinvestment Act of 1977**

The Bank has a responsibility under the CRA to help meet the credit needs of its communities, including low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. The CRA does not establish specific lending requirements or programs for financial institutions nor does it limit an institution’s discretion to develop the types of products and services that it believes are best suited to its particular community consistent with the CRA. Regulators periodically assess the Bank’s record of compliance with the CRA. In addition, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act and the Fair Housing Act prohibit discrimination in lending practices on the basis of characteristics specified in those statutes. The Bank’s failure to comply with the CRA could, at a minimum, result in regulatory restrictions on its activities and the activities of the Company. The Bank’s failure to comply with the Equal Credit Opportunity Act of the Fair Housing Act could result in enforcement actions. The Bank received a “Satisfactory” CRA rating in its most recent examination.

## **Financial Privacy and Data Security**

The Company is subject to federal laws, including the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (the “GLBA”), and certain state laws containing consumer privacy protection provisions. These provisions limit the ability of banks and other financial institutions to disclose non-public information about consumers to affiliated and non-affiliated third parties and limit the reuse of certain consumer information received from non-affiliated institutions. These provisions require notice of privacy policies to consumers and, in some circumstances, allow consumers to prevent disclosure of certain personal information to affiliates or non-affiliated third parties by means of “opt out” or “opt in” authorizations.

The GLBA requires that financial institutions implement comprehensive written information security programs that include administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect consumer information. Further, pursuant to interpretive guidance issued under the GLBA and certain state laws, financial institutions are required to notify customers of security breaches that result in unauthorized access to their nonpublic personal information.

The federal banking agencies, including the FRB, through the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (“FFIEC”) have adopted guidelines to encourage financial institutions to address cybersecurity risks and identify, assess, and mitigate these risks, both internally and at critical third party services providers. FFIEC has provided a Cybersecurity Assessment Toll for institutions to identify and address cybersecurity risks in their systems.

The Fair Credit Reporting Act (“FCRA”), as amended by the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 (“FACT Act”), Red Flags Rule requires financial institutions with covered accounts (e.g., consumer bank accounts and loans) to develop, implement, and administer an identity theft prevention program. This program must include reasonable policies and procedures to detect suspicious patterns or practices that indicate the possibility of identity theft, such as inconsistencies in personal information or changes in account activity.

## **Employee Compensation**

The Dodd-Frank Act requires publicly traded companies to give stockholders a non-binding vote on executive compensation at their first annual meeting taking place six months after the date of enactment and at least every three years thereafter and on so-called “golden parachute” payments in connection with approvals of mergers and acquisitions.

The Dodd-Frank Act also requires the federal banking agencies and the SEC to establish joint regulations or guidelines prohibiting incentive-based payment arrangements at specified regulated entities with at least \$1 billion in total consolidated assets that encourage inappropriate risks by providing an executive officer, employee, director or principal shareholder with excessive compensation, fees, or benefits that could lead to material financial loss to the entity. The federal banking agencies and the SEC most recently proposed such regulations in 2016, but the regulations have not yet been finalized. If the regulations are adopted in the form initially proposed, they will restrict the manner in which executive compensation is structured.

## **Future Legislative Initiatives**

From time to time, federal and state legislatures may introduce legislation that will impact the financial services industry. In addition, the federal banking agencies may introduce regulatory initiatives that are likely to impact the financial services industry. However, it is not clear whether such changes will be enacted or, if enacted, what effect such changes would have on the Company. New legislative and regulatory initiatives are introduced by Congress, state legislatures, and financial regulatory agencies. Such initiatives may include proposals to expand or contract the powers of bank holding companies and/or depository institutions or proposals to substantially change the financial institution regulatory system. Such legislation could change banking statutes and the operating environment of the Company in substantial and unpredictable ways. If enacted, such legislation could increase or decrease the cost of doing business, limit or expand permissible activities, or affect the competitive balance among banks, savings associations, credit unions, and other financial institutions. The Company cannot predict whether any such legislation will be enacted, and, if enacted, the effect that it or any implementing regulations would have on the financial condition or results of operations of the Company. A change in statutes, regulations, or regulatory policies applicable to the Company or any of its subsidiaries could have a material effect on the business of the Company.

## **Available Information**

We file annual reports, quarterly reports, proxy statements and other documents with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). The public may read and copy any materials that we file with the SEC at the SEC’s Public Reference Room at 100 F. Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Also, the SEC maintains a website that contains

reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC. The public can obtain any documents that we file with the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

We maintain a website at [www.sussexbank.com](http://www.sussexbank.com). Through a link to our Investor Relations section of our website, we make available, free of charge, copies of each of our filings with the SEC, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, our Current Reports on Form 8-K, and, if applicable, any amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to the Exchange Act as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC.

## **ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

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***If the bank regulators impose limitations on our commercial real estate lending activities, our earnings could be adversely affected.***

In 2006, the FDIC, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (collectively, the “Agencies”) issued joint guidance entitled “Concentrations in Commercial Real Estate Lending, Sound Risk Management Practices” (the “CRE Guidance”). Although the CRE Guidance did not establish specific lending limits, it provides that a bank’s commercial real estate lending exposure may receive increased supervisory scrutiny where total non-owner occupied commercial real estate loans, including loans secured by apartment buildings, investor commercial real estate and construction and land loans, represent 300% or more of an institution’s total risk-based capital and the outstanding balance of the commercial real estate loan portfolio has increased by 50% or more during the preceding 36 months. Our level of non-owner occupied commercial real estate equaled 347% of Bank total risk-based capital at December 31, 2017.

In December 2015, the Agencies released a new statement on prudent risk management for commercial real estate lending (the “2015 Statement”). In the 2015 Statement, the Agencies express concerns about easing commercial real estate underwriting standards, direct financial institutions to maintain underwriting discipline and exercise risk management practices to identify, measure and monitor lending risks, and indicate that the Agencies will continue “to pay special attention” to commercial real estate lending activities and concentrations going forward. If the FDIC, the Bank’s primary federal regulator were to impose restrictions on the amount of commercial real estate loans we can hold in our portfolio, or require higher capital ratios as a result of the level of commercial real estate loans we hold, our earnings would be adversely affected.

***Our allowance for loan losses may not be adequate to cover actual losses.***

Like all financial institutions, we maintain an allowance for loan losses to provide for loan defaults and nonperformance. Our allowance for loan losses may not be adequate to cover actual losses, and future provisions for loan losses could materially and adversely affect the results of our operations. In addition to periodic reviews by an independent loan review function, risks within the loan portfolio are analyzed on a continuous basis by management and by the Board of Directors. A risk system, consisting of multiple-grading categories, is utilized as an analytical tool to assess risk and the appropriate level of loss reserves. Along with the risk system, management further evaluates risk characteristics of the loan portfolio under current economic conditions and considers such factors as the financial condition of the borrowers, past and expected loan loss experience and other factors management feels deserve recognition in establishing an adequate reserve. This risk assessment process is performed at least quarterly and any necessary adjustments are realized in the periods in which they become known. The amount of future losses is susceptible to changes in economic, operating and other conditions, including changes in interest rates that may be beyond our control, and these losses may exceed current estimates. State and federal regulatory agencies, as an integral part of their examination process, review our loans and allowance for loan losses and have in the past required an increase in our allowance for loan losses. Although we believe that our allowance for loan losses is adequate to cover probable and reasonably estimated losses, we cannot assure you that we will not further increase the allowance for loan losses or that our regulators will not require us to increase this allowance. Either of these occurrences could adversely affect our earnings.

***If our non-performing assets increase, our earnings will be negatively impacted.***

At December 31, 2017, our non-performing assets (“NPAs”) (which consist of non-accrual loans, loans 90 days or more delinquent, performing troubled debt restructurings and foreclosed real estate assets) totaled \$9.2 million, which was a decrease of \$120 thousand or 1.3% from December 31, 2016. However, we can give no assurance that our NPAs will continue to decrease and we may experience increases in NPAs in the future. Our NPAs adversely affect our net income in various ways. We do not record interest income on non-accrual loans or real estate owned. We must reserve for estimated credit losses, which are established through a current period charge to the provision for loan losses, and from time to time, if appropriate, we must write down the

value of properties in the other real estate owned portfolio to reflect changing market values. Additionally, there are legal fees associated with the resolution of problem assets as well as carrying costs, including taxes, insurance and maintenance related to our other real estate owned. Further, the resolution of NPAs requires the active involvement of management, potentially distracting them from the overall supervision of our operations and other income-producing activities.

***Our earnings may not grow if we are unable to successfully attract core deposits and lending opportunities and exploit opportunities to generate fee-based income.***

We have experienced growth, and our future business strategy is to continue to expand. Historically, the growth of our loans and deposits has been the principal factor in our increase in net-interest income. In the event that we are unable to execute our business strategy of continued growth in loans and deposits, our earnings could be adversely impacted. Our ability to continue to grow depends, in part, upon our ability to expand our market share, to successfully attract core deposits and identify loan and investment opportunities, as well as opportunities to generate fee-based income. Our ability to manage growth successfully will also depend on whether we can continue to efficiently fund asset growth and maintain asset quality and cost controls, as well as on factors beyond our control, such as economic conditions and interest-rate trends.

***We do not have any control over the commissions our insurance business expects to earn on the sale of insurance products, which are based on premiums and commission rates set by insurers and the conditions prevalent in the insurance market.***

The revenues of our fee-based insurance business are derived primarily from commissions from the sale of insurance policies, which commissions are generally calculated as a percentage of the policy premium. Commission rates and premiums can change based on the prevailing economic and competitive factors that affect insurance underwriters. In addition, the insurance industry has been characterized by periods of intense price competition due to excessive underwriting capacity and periods of favorable premium levels due to shortages of capacity. We cannot predict the timing or extent of future changes in commission rates or premiums or the effect any of these changes will have on the operations of our insurance business.

***Changes in interest rates could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.***

Our profitability, like that of most financial institutions, depends substantially on our net interest income, which is the difference between the interest income earned on our interest-earning assets and the interest expense paid on our interest-bearing liabilities. Increases in interest rates may decrease loan demand and make it more difficult for borrowers to repay adjustable rate loans. In addition, as market interest rates rise, we will have competitive pressures to increase the rates we pay on deposits, which will result in a decrease of our net interest income.

We also are subject to reinvestment risk associated with changes in interest rates. Changes in interest rates may affect the average life of loans and mortgage-related securities. Decreases in interest rates can result in increased prepayments of loans and mortgage-related securities as borrowers refinance to reduce borrowing costs. Under these circumstances, we are subject to reinvestment risk to the extent that we are unable to reinvest the cash received from such prepayments at rates that are comparable to the rates on existing loans and securities.

***Certain of our intangible assets may become impaired in the future.***

Intangible assets are tested for impairment on a periodic basis. Impairment testing incorporates the current market price of our common stock, the estimated fair value of our assets and liabilities, and certain information of similar companies. It is possible that future impairment testing could result in a decline in value of our intangibles, which may be less than the carrying value, which may adversely affect our financial condition. If we determine that impairment exists at a given point in time, our earnings and the book value of the related intangibles will be reduced by the amount of the impairment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the results of impairment testing on our intangible assets have no impact on our tangible book value or regulatory capital levels.

***We operate in a highly-regulated environment and are subject to extensive government supervision and regulation that affects our operations and may adversely impact our business.***

We are subject to extensive federal and state supervision and regulation that govern nearly all aspects of our operations and can have a material impact on our business. Financial regulatory authorities have significant discretion regarding the supervision, regulation and enforcement of banking laws and regulations.

Banking and insurance laws, regulations and policies are subject to amendment by Congress, the State of New Jersey and federal and state financial regulatory agencies. Changes to statutes, regulations or policies, including changes in the

administrative interpretation of regulations or policies, could materially impact our business. These changes could impose additional costs on us and limit the types of financial products and services that we may offer our customers. Compliance with laws and regulations can be difficult and costly, and changes to laws and regulations often impose significant compliance costs. Failure to comply with any laws, regulations or policies could result in sanctions by financial regulatory agencies, including civil money penalties, private lawsuits or reputational damage, any of which could adversely affect our business or results of operations. While we have policies and procedures designed to prevent such violations, there can be no assurance that violations will not occur. See “Supervision and Regulation” in ITEM 1. Business.

Since the 2008 global financial crisis, financial institutions have been subject to increased scrutiny from Congress, state legislatures and federal and state financial regulatory agencies. The Dodd-Frank Act, among other laws and regulations, has increased our costs of doing business and resulted in decreased revenues and net income. Several mandates of the Dodd-Frank Act are still subject to further rulemaking and could have adverse implications on the financial industry, the competitive environment and our ability to conduct business. We cannot provide assurance that future changes in laws, regulations and policies will not adversely affect our business.

***State and federal financial regulatory agencies periodically conduct examinations of our business, including for compliance with laws and regulations, and our failure to comply with any supervisory actions to which we are or become subject as a result of such examinations may adversely affect our business.***

Federal and state financial regulatory agencies periodically conduct examinations of our business, including our compliance with laws and regulations. If, as a result of an examination, an agency were to determine that the financial, capital resources, asset quality, earnings prospects, management, liquidity, or other aspects of any of our operations had become unsatisfactory, or violates any law or regulation, federal financial agencies may take several different remedial or enforcement actions it deems appropriate to correct any deficiency. Such actions include the power to enjoin “unsafe or unsound” practices, to require affirmative actions to correct any conditions resulting from any violation or practice, to issue an administrative order that can be judicially enforced, to direct an increase in the bank’s capital, to restrict the bank’s growth, to assess civil monetary penalties against the bank’s officers or directors, to remove officers and directors and, if the FDIC concludes that such conditions cannot be corrected or there is an imminent risk of loss to depositors, to terminate our deposit insurance. The Department, as the supervisory and regulatory authority for state-chartered banks, has similar enforcement powers with respect to our banking business and insurance agency. The CFPB has the authority to take enforcement actions, including cease-and-desist orders or civil monetary penalties against us if it finds that we offer consumer financial products and services in violation of federal consumer financial protection laws.

If we were unable to comply with future regulatory directives, or if we were unable to comply with the terms of any future supervisory requirements to which we may become subject, then we could become subject to a variety of supervisory actions and orders, including cease and desist orders, prompt corrective actions, MOUs, and/or other regulatory enforcement actions. If our financial regulators were to take such supervisory actions, then we could, among other things, become subject to greater restrictions on our ability to develop any new business, as well as restrictions on our existing business, and we could be required to raise additional capital, dispose of certain assets and liabilities within a prescribed period of time, or both. Failure to implement remedial measures as required by financial regulatory agencies could result in additional orders or penalties from federal and state regulators, which could result in one or more of the remedial actions described above. The terms of any supervisory action and associated consequences with any failure to comply with any supervisory action could have a material negative effect on our business, operating flexibility and overall financial condition.

***There is a risk that we may not be repaid in a timely manner, or at all, for loans we make.***

The risk of non-payment (or deferred or delayed payment) of loans is inherent in commercial banking. Such non-payment, or delayed or deferred payment of loans to us, if they occur, may have a material adverse effect on our earnings and overall financial condition. Additionally, in compliance with applicable banking laws and regulations, we maintain an allowance for loan losses created through charges against earnings. As of December 31, 2017, our allowance for loan losses was \$7.3 million. Our marketing focus on small to medium-size businesses may result in the assumption by us of certain lending risks that are different from or greater than those which would apply to loans made to larger companies. We seek to minimize our credit risk exposure through credit controls, which include evaluation of potential borrowers’ available collateral, liquidity and cash flow. However, there can be no assurance that such procedures will actually reduce loan losses.

***We are in competition with many other financial service providers, including larger commercial banks which have greater resources than us.***

The banking industry within our trade area is highly competitive. Our principal market area is also served by branch offices of large commercial banks and thrift institutions. In addition, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Financial Modernization Act of 1999 permits other financial entities, such as insurance companies and securities firms, to acquire or form financial institutions, thereby further increasing competition. A number of our competitors have substantially greater resources than we do to expend upon advertising and marketing, and their substantially greater capitalization enables them to make much larger loans. Our success depends upon our ability to serve small business clients in a more responsive manner than the large and mid-size financial institutions against whom we compete in our principal market area. In addition to competition from larger institutions, we also face competition for individuals and small businesses from recently formed banks seeking to compete as “home town” institutions. Most of these new institutions have focused their marketing efforts on the smaller end of the small business market we serve.

***We depend on our executive officers and key personnel to continue the implementation of our long-term business strategy and could be harmed by the loss of their services.***

We believe that our continued growth and future success will depend in large part upon the skills of our management team. The competition for qualified personnel in the financial services industry is intense, and the loss of our key personnel or an inability to continue to attract, retain and motivate key personnel could adversely affect our business. We cannot assure you that we will be able to retain our existing key personnel or attract additional qualified personnel. We have employment agreements and/or change in control agreements with our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Banking Officer, Market Executive and Chief Executive Officer of Tri-State, and the loss of the services of one or more of our executive officers and key personnel could impair our ability to continue to develop our business strategy.

***Changes in local economic conditions could adversely affect our loan portfolio.***

Our success depends to a great extent upon the general economic conditions of the local markets that we serve. Unlike larger banks that are more geographically diversified, we provide banking and financial services primarily to customers in the New Jersey and New York markets in which we have branches, so any decline in the economy of this specific region could have an adverse impact on us.

The ability of our borrowers to repay their loans, our financial results, the credit quality of our existing loan portfolio, and the ability to generate new loans with acceptable yield and credit characteristics may be adversely affected by changes in prevailing economic conditions, including declines in real estate values, changes in interest rates, adverse employment conditions and the monetary and fiscal policies of the federal government. We cannot assure you that negative trends or developments would not have a significant adverse effect on us.

***We cannot predict how changes in technology will impact our business.***

The financial services market, including banking services, is increasingly affected by advances in technology, including developments in telecommunications, data processing, automation, internet-based banking, telephone banking, and debit cards and so-called “smart cards.”

Our ability to compete successfully in the future will depend on whether we can anticipate and respond to technological changes. To develop these and other new technologies, we will likely have to make additional capital investments. Although we continually invest in new technology, we cannot assure you that we will have sufficient resources or access to the necessary proprietary technology to remain competitive in the future.

***Our information systems may experience an interruption or breach in security.***

We rely heavily on communications and information systems to conduct our business. Any failure, interruption or breach in security of these systems could result in failures or disruptions in our customer-relationship management, general ledger, deposit, loan and other systems. While we have policies and procedures designed to prevent or limit the effect of the failure, interruption or security breach of our information systems, there can be no assurance that any such failures, interruptions or security breaches will not occur, or, if they do occur, that they will be adequately addressed. The occurrence of any failures, interruptions or security breaches of our information systems could damage our reputation, result in a loss of customer business, subject us to additional regulatory scrutiny or expose us to civil litigation and possible financial liability, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.



**ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS**

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Not applicable.

## ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

We conduct our business through our corporate office in Rockaway, New Jersey, our regional office and corporate center in Wantage, New Jersey, our insurance agency offices in Augusta, New Jersey, and our eleven branch offices. The following table sets forth certain information regarding our properties as of December 31, 2017. Following the completion of the acquisition of Community Bank of Bergen County, NJ on January 4, 2018, the Bank has a corporate operation center and three additional branches located in Bergen County. We believe that our existing facilities are sufficient for our current needs. All properties are adequately covered by insurance.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>YEAR OPENED</u>	<u>LEASED OR OWNED</u>
28-21 Astoria Blvd Astoria, New York	2015	Leased
399 Route 23 Franklin, New Jersey	1976	Owned
7 Church Street Vernon, New Jersey	1980	Owned
266 Clove Road Montague, New Jersey	1982	Leased
96 Route 206 Augusta, New Jersey	1983	Leased
378 Route 23 Wantage, New Jersey	2007	Owned
455 Route 23 Wantage, New Jersey	1992	Owned (1)
15 Boulder Hills Blvd. Wantage, New Jersey	2014	Leased
15 Trinity Street Newton, New Jersey	1991	Owned
165 Route 206 Andover, New Jersey	1992	Owned
100 Route 206 Augusta, New Jersey	2000	Owned
33 Main Street Sparta, New Jersey	2001	Owned
100 Enterprise Drive, Suite 700 Rockaway, New Jersey	2014	Leased
430 Schooley's Mtn. Road Hackettstown, New Jersey	2014	Leased
296 Kinderkamack Road Oradell, New Jersey	2016	Leased

(1). We own the building housing our former Wantage branch. The land on which the building is located is leased pursuant to a ground lease which runs until December 31, 2020, and contains the sole option of the bank to extend the lease for an additional 25 year term.

## ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are periodically involved in various legal proceedings as a normal incident to our business. In the opinion of management no material loss is expected from any such pending lawsuit.

**ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES**

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Not applicable.

## PART II

### ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

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#### Market Information

Our common stock trades on the NASDAQ Global Market, under the symbol "SBBX." As of December 31, 2017, we had approximately 520 holders of record.

The following table shows the high and low sales price during the periods indicated, as well as dividends declared:

	2017	High	Low	Cash Dividends Declared
Fourth Quarter ended December 31		\$28.00	\$23.60	\$0.06
Third Quarter ended September 30		\$25.45	\$19.75	\$0.06
Second Quarter ended June 30		\$28.55	\$23.18	\$0.06
First Quarter ended March 31		\$26.45	\$19.55	\$0.04
	2016	High	Low	Cash Dividends Declared
Fourth Quarter ended December 31		\$21.95	\$16.33	\$0.04
Third Quarter ended September 30		\$16.95	\$13.33	\$0.04
Second Quarter ended June 30		\$14.00	\$12.20	\$0.04
First Quarter ended March 31		\$13.45	\$11.43	\$0.04

#### Dividend Policy

The payment of dividends depends upon our debt and equity structure, earnings, financial condition, need for capital in connection with possible future acquisitions and other factors, including economic conditions, regulatory restrictions and tax considerations. We cannot guarantee the payment of dividends.

The only funds available for the payment of dividends on our capital stock will be cash and cash equivalents held by us, dividends paid to us by the Bank, and borrowings. The Bank is prohibited from paying cash dividends to us to the extent that any such payment would reduce the Bank's capital below required capital levels. See "Bank Holding Company Regulation – Capital Adequacy Guidelines for Bank Holding Companies" and "Bank Regulation" for a discussion of these restrictions. For additional information see Note 19 in our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report.

#### Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities

There were no sales by us of unregistered securities during the year ended December 31, 2017.

#### Purchases of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliated Purchasers

There were no purchases made by or on behalf of us of our common stock during the fourth quarter of 2017.

## ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following selected financial data as of December 31 for each of the five years presented should be read in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes.

*(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)*

	As of and for the Year Ended December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>SUMMARY OF INCOME:</b>					
Interest income	\$ 35,699	\$ 29,160	\$ 23,644	\$ 21,300	\$ 19,642
Interest expense	6,611	4,762	3,568	3,294	3,201
Net interest income	29,088	24,398	20,076	18,006	16,441
Provision for loan losses	1,586	1,291	636	1,537	2,745
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	27,502	23,107	19,440	16,469	13,696
Other income	8,285	7,829	6,453	5,961	6,093
Other expenses	25,617	22,585	20,553	18,829	18,228
Income before income tax expense (benefit)	10,170	8,351	5,340	3,601	1,561
Income tax expense (benefit)	4,479	2,828	1,640	1,001	133
Net income	\$ 5,691	\$ 5,523	\$ 3,700	\$ 2,600	\$ 1,428
<b>WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF SHARES: <sup>(1)</sup></b>					
Basic	5,359,430	4,619,124	4,559,316	4,541,305	3,781,562
Diluted	5,404,381	4,651,108	4,591,822	4,580,350	3,816,904
<b>PER SHARE DATA:</b>					
Basic earnings per share	\$ 1.06	\$ 1.20	\$ 0.81	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.38
Diluted earnings per share	1.05	1.19	0.81	0.57	0.37
Cash dividends <sup>(2)</sup>	0.22	0.16	0.16	0.09	—
<b>BALANCE SHEET:</b>					
Loans, net	\$ 813,365	\$ 688,561	\$ 537,833	\$ 466,332	\$ 386,981
Total assets	979,383	848,728	684,503	595,915	533,911
Total deposits	762,491	660,921	517,856	458,270	430,297
Total stockholders' equity	94,193	60,072	53,941	51,229	46,425
Average assets	914,747	770,470	627,298	559,885	529,152
Average stockholders' equity	79,329	57,518	52,715	49,494	42,382
<b>PERFORMANCE RATIOS:</b>					
Return on average assets	0.62%	0.72%	0.59%	0.46%	0.27%
Return on average stockholders' equity	7.17%	9.60%	7.02%	5.25%	3.37%
Average equity/average assets	8.67%	7.47%	8.40%	8.84%	8.01%
Net interest margin	3.39%	3.37%	3.45%	3.49%	3.41%
Efficiency ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	68.54%	70.08%	77.47%	78.56%	80.89%
Other income to net interest income plus other income	22.17%	24.29%	24.32%	24.87%	27.04%
Dividend payout ratio	20.95%	13.45%	19.75%	15.79%	—
<b>CAPITAL RATIOS: <sup>(4)</sup></b>					
Tier I capital to average assets	11.86%	10.41%	9.45%	10.19%	10.38%
Tier I capital to total risk-weighted assets	14.26%	12.87%	11.74%	12.79%	14.21%
Total capital to total risk-weighted assets	15.17%	13.86%	12.79%	14.02%	15.47%
Common equity Tier 1 capital to total risk-weighted assets	14.26%	12.87%	11.74%	N/A	N/A
<b>ASSET QUALITY RATIOS:</b>					
Non-accrual loans to total loans	0.73%	0.84%	0.98%	1.26%	3.03%
Non-performing assets to total assets <sup>(5)</sup>	0.94%	1.10%	1.49%	2.02%	3.10%
Net loan charge-offs to average total loans	0.13%	0.03%	0.14%	0.33%	0.65%
Allowance for loan losses to total loans at period end	0.89%	0.96%	1.03%	1.20%	1.38%
Allowance for loan losses to non-performing loans <sup>(6)</sup>	105.51%	95.93%	81.43%	74.23%	39.73%

(1) The weighted average number of shares outstanding was computed based on the average number of shares outstanding during each period as adjusted for subsequent stock dividends.

(2) Cash dividends per common share are based on the actual number of common shares outstanding on the dates of record as adjusted for subsequent stock dividends, if any.

(3) Efficiency ratio is total other expenses divided by net interest income and total other income.

(4) Bank capital ratios.

(5) NPAs include non-accrual loans, loans past due 90 days and still accruing, troubled debt restructured loans still accruing and foreclosed real estate.

(6) Non-performing loans include non-accrual loans, loans past due 90 days and still accruing and troubled debt restructured loans still accruing.

## ITEM 7 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

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### Overview

We are a bank holding company of a community bank primarily operating in northern New Jersey and New York that provides diversified financial services to both consumer and business customers. Our primary source of revenues, approximately 75%, is derived from net interest income which represents the difference between the interest we earn on our assets, principally loans and investment securities, and interest we pay on our deposits and borrowings. Net interest income expressed as a percentage of average interest-earning assets is referred to as net interest margin. The net interest margin increased by 2 basis points to 3.39% for year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 3.37% for 2016.

For 2017, our net income increased to \$5.7 million, or \$1.05 per diluted share, or a 3.0% increase, as compared to net income of \$5.5 million, or \$1.19 per diluted share, for the same period last year. For 2017, our core net income (a non-GAAP measurement) was \$7.7 million, or \$1.42 per diluted share. The increase in net income for the twelve months ended December 31, 2017 was largely due to an increase in net interest income of \$4.7 million, which was partially offset by an increase in non-interest expenses of \$3.0 million and income tax expenses from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 ("Tax Act") of \$942 thousand. The increase in non-interest expenses was largely due to a \$1.7 million increase in salaries and employee benefits and merger-related expenses of \$1.2 million. Excluding expenses related to the acquisition of Community Bank of Bergen County, NJ, of \$1.2 million and the associated income tax benefit of \$166 thousand, net income increased \$1.2 million, or 21.5%, for the year ended December 31, 2017.

We augment our primary revenue source through non-interest income sources that include insurance commissions from our wholly owned subsidiary, Tri-State, service charges on deposits, bank-owned life insurance ("BOLI") income and commissions on mutual funds and annuities. In addition, we from time to time may recognize income on gains on sales of securities; however, we do not consider this a primary source of income.

Total loans receivable, net of unearned income, increased \$125.4 million, or 18.0%, to \$820.7 million at December 31, 2017, from \$695.3 million at year-end 2016. This increase was primarily attributed to growth in the commercial loan portfolio. Our total deposits increased \$101.6 million, or 15.4%, to \$762.5 million at December 31, 2017, from \$660.9 million at December 31, 2016. The increase in deposits was primarily due to an increase in interest bearing deposits of \$87.8 million, or 16.6% for December 31, 2017, as compared to December 31, 2016.

We continued to make progress in 2017 towards reducing our problem assets. For 2017, we had a 1.3% improvement in NPAs and our total problem assets, which consists of foreclosed real estate and criticized and classified loans, declined by 7.1% as compared to 2016. In addition, the ratio of NPAs to total assets improved to 0.9% at December 31, 2017 from 1.1% at December 31, 2016.

At December 31, 2017, our total stockholders' equity was \$94.2 million, an increase of \$34.1 million when compared to December 31, 2016. The increase was largely due to the capital raise of approximately \$28.0 million and net income for the year ended December 31, 2017. At December 31, 2017, the leverage, Tier I risk-based capital, total risk-based capital and common equity Tier I capital ratios for the Bank were 11.86%, 14.26%, 15.17% and 14.26%, respectively, all in excess of the ratios required to be deemed "well-capitalized."

### Management Strategy

Our goal is to serve as a community-oriented financial institution serving northern New Jersey and the New York marketplace. While offering traditional community bank loan and deposit products and services, we obtain significant non-interest income through Tri-State's insurance brokerage operations. We report the operations of Tri-State as a separate segment from our commercial banking operations. See Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information regarding our two segments.

## Critical Accounting Policies

Our accounting policies are fundamental to understanding Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. Our accounting policies are more fully described in Note 1 to our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this report. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions about future events that affect the amounts reported in our consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Since future events and their effect cannot be determined with absolute certainty, actual results may differ from those estimates. Management makes adjustments to its assumptions and judgments when facts and circumstances dictate. The amounts currently estimated by us are subject to change if different assumptions as to the outcome of future events are subsequently made. We evaluate our estimates and judgments on historical experience and on various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Management believes the following critical accounting policies encompass the more significant judgments and estimates used in preparation of our consolidated financial statements.

**Allowance for Loan Losses.** The allowance for loan losses reflects the amount deemed appropriate by management to provide for known and inherent losses in the existing loan portfolio. Management's judgment is based on the evaluation of the past loss experience of individual loans, the assessment of current economic conditions, and other relevant factors. Loan losses are charged directly against the allowance for loan losses and recoveries on previously charged-off loans are added to the allowance. Management uses significant estimates to determine the allowance for loan losses. Consideration is given to a variety of factors in establishing these estimates, including current economic conditions, diversification of the loan portfolio, delinquency statistics, borrowers' perceived financial and managerial strengths, the adequacy of underlying collateral, if collateral dependent, or present value of future cash flows, and other relevant factors. Since the sufficiency of the allowance for loan losses is dependent to a great extent on conditions that may be beyond our control, it is possible that management's estimates of the allowance for loan losses and actual results could differ in the near term. Although we believe that we use the best information available to establish the allowance for loan losses, future additions to the allowance may be necessary if certain future events occur that cause actual results to differ from the assumptions used in making the evaluation. For example, a downturn in the local economy could cause increases in non-performing loans. Additionally, a decline in real estate values could cause some of our loans to become inadequately collateralized. In either case, this may require us to increase our provisions for loan losses, which would negatively impact earnings. Additionally, a large loss could deplete the allowance and require increased provisions to replenish the allowance, which would negatively impact earnings. Finally, regulatory authorities, as an integral part of their examination, periodically review the allowance for loan losses. They may require additions to the allowance for loan losses based upon their judgments about information available to them at the time of examination. Future increases to our allowance for loan losses, whether due to unexpected changes in economic conditions or otherwise, could adversely affect our future results of operations.

**Appraisal Policy.** We have a detailed policy covering the real estate appraisal process, including the selection of qualified appraisers, review of appraisal reports upon receipt, and complying with the federal regulatory standards that govern the minimum requirements for obtaining appraisals or evaluations to support the determination of the allowance for loan losses. Appraisals and evaluations are considered to be current when the valuation date is within 12 months of a new loan or 24 months of any renewal of an existing loan, provided that certain conditions are met. The appraisal is not considered to be current if there has been a substantial change in value, demand, supply or competitive factors.

The following types of transactions require a real estate appraisal:

- Non-residential transactions when the transaction value exceeds \$250,000.
- Loan transactions in which real estate is used as the primary security for the loan, regardless of the type of loan (commercial, installment or mortgage), including:
  - New loans, loan modifications, loan extensions and renewals, provided that certain conditions are met.
  - The purchase, sale, exchange or investment in real property or an interest in real property where the "transaction value" of the real property interest exceeds \$250,000.
  - The long-term lease of real estate, which is the economic equivalent of a purchase or sale where the "transaction value" of the real property interest exceeds \$250,000.
  - Purchase of a loan or pool of loans, or participation therein, or of an interest in real property, providing that any individual loan or property interest exceeds \$250,000, and further provided that a satisfactory appraisal of the property relating to that loan or interest has not been made available to the Bank by another party to the transaction.

The need for real estate appraisals applies to initial loan underwriting and subsequently when the value of the real estate collateral might be materially affected by changing market conditions, changes in the occupancy of the property, changes in cash flow generated by the property, changes in the physical conditions of the property, or other factors. These factors include changes in the sales prices of comparable properties, absorption rates, capitalization rates, effective rental rates and current construction costs.

Real estate appraisals are not required for the following transactions:

- New loans, loan modifications, loan extensions and renewals with real property interest value of \$250,000 or less.
- Purchase, sale, exchange, long-term lease or investment in real property where the “transaction value” of the real property interest does not exceed \$250,000.
- Renewal or extension of an existing loan in excess of \$250,000 provided that certain conditions are met.
- Purchase of a loan or pool of loans, or participation therein, or of an interest in real property where a satisfactory appraisal of the property relating to that loan or interest has been made available to the Bank by another federally insured depository institution that is subject to Title XI of Financial Institutions Reform Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989.

While real estate appraisals are not required for transactions of \$250,000 or less, we will consider obtaining an appraisal if the orderly liquidation of the collateral is the primary source of repayment. To the extent that an appraisal is not required for a real estate collateralized transaction, we will obtain for its credit files another acceptable form of valuation (i.e. equalized value with a reasonable market relevance or evaluation).

Additionally, real estate appraisals are not required on transactions over \$250,000 when taking a lien on real property as collateral solely through an “abundance of caution,” and where the terms of the transaction have not been made more favorable than would have been in the absence of the mortgage lien. In determining whether an appraisal can be waived due to this reason, approval must be obtained from our Chief Credit Officer.

Generally, we obtain updated appraisals for real estate loan renewals and modifications or certain classified loans depending on the age of the last appraisal, volatility of the local market, and other factors. In certain circumstances, if we can support an appraisal that is greater than one year old with an evaluation, utilizing current information, including, but not limited to, current comparable sales, independent appraisal, consultant data or tax assessment values, then we may continue to use the existing appraisal. For classified/criticized loans, when it is determined that a deficiency exists utilizing the above evaluation methods, a new appraisal will be ordered.

Foreclosed real estate is primarily comprised of property acquired through a foreclosure proceeding or acceptance of a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure. Foreclosed real estate is initially recorded at fair value, less cost to sell at the date of foreclosure, establishing a new cost basis. Subsequent to foreclosure, valuations are periodically performed by management and the assets are carried at the lower of carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell. Revenues and expenses from operations and changes in the valuation allowance are included in expenses related to foreclosed real estate.

**Derivatives.** The Company utilizes derivative instruments in the form of interest rate swaps to hedge the variability in its cash flows due to interest rate risk. The variability in cash flows is managed as part of the Company’s asset/liability management process. In accordance with accounting requirements, the Company formally designates all of its hedging relationships as cash flow hedges, intended to offset changes in the cash flows of certain financial instruments due to movement in interest rates, and documents the strategy for undertaking the hedge transactions and its method of assessing ongoing effectiveness.

All derivatives are recognized as either assets or liabilities in the Consolidated Financial Statements at their fair values. Should the cash flow hedge become ineffective, the ineffective portion of changes in fair value (i.e. gain or loss) is reported in current period earnings. The effective portion of the change in fair value is initially recorded as a component of other comprehensive income (loss) and subsequently reclassified into earnings when the hedged transaction affects earnings.

Derivative effectiveness and ineffectiveness will be assessed and measured at the date of designation (inception), each reporting date, and whenever a designated hedge period is terminated to ensure that ongoing high effectiveness is expected by regression analysis of the periodic change in fair value of the hedging instrument and the periodic change in fair value of the hypothetical derivative.



The Company's interest rate derivatives are comprised entirely of interest rate swaps hedging floating-rate and forecasted issuances of fixed-rate liabilities and accounted for as cash flow hedges. The carrying value of interest rate derivatives is included in the balance of other assets or other liabilities. Changes in fair value are offset against accumulated other comprehensive income, net of deferred income tax.

**Income Taxes.** Management considers accounting for income taxes as a critical accounting policy due to the subjective nature of certain estimates that are involved in the calculation and evaluation of the timing and recognition of resulting tax assets and liabilities. Management uses the asset liability method of accounting for income taxes in which deferred tax assets and liabilities are established for the temporary differences between the financial reporting basis and the tax basis of our assets and liabilities. Deferred tax expense is the result of changes between deferred tax assets and liabilities. The principal types of differences between assets and liabilities for financial statement and tax return purposes are allowance for loan losses, deferred compensation, securities available for sale and interest rate swaps. Significant estimation is required to determine if a valuation allowance for deferred tax assets is required. A valuation allowance is established against deferred tax assets when, in the judgment of management, it is more likely than not that such deferred tax assets will not become available. Because the judgment about the level of future taxable income is dependent to a great extent on matters that may, at least in part, be beyond the Company's control, it is at least reasonably possible that management's judgment about the need for a valuation allowance for deferred taxes could change in the near term.

**Goodwill.** We have recorded goodwill of \$2.8 million at December 31, 2017, primarily related to the acquisition of Tri-State in October of 2001. Our recorded goodwill total also includes \$486 thousand related to the 2006 acquisition of \$6.3 million in deposits in our Port Jervis branch. During the quarter ended March 31, 2016 we announced the closing of the Port Jervis branch and the deposits from that branch were transferred to our Montague, New Jersey branch. As of December 31, 2017 deposits originated in that branch were \$9.2 million. FASB ASC 350, *Intangibles-Goodwill and Others*, requires that goodwill is not amortized to expense, but rather be tested for impairment at least annually. We periodically assess whether events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amounts of goodwill require additional impairment testing. We perform our annual impairment test on the goodwill of Tri-State in the fourth quarter of each calendar year. If the fair value of the reporting unit exceeds the book value, no write-downs of goodwill are necessary. If the fair value is less than the book value, an additional test is necessary to assess the proper carrying value of goodwill. We determined that no impairment write-offs were necessary during 2017 and 2016.

Reporting unit valuation is inherently subjective, with a number of factors based on assumptions and management judgments. Among these are future growth rates, discount rates and earnings capitalization rates. Changes in assumptions and results due to economic conditions, industry factors and reporting unit performance could result in different assessments of the fair value and could result in impairment charges in the future.

**Investment Securities Impairment Evaluation.** The Company periodically evaluates the security portfolio to determine if a decline in the fair value of any security below its cost basis is other-than-temporary. The Company's evaluation of other-than-temporary impairment considers the duration and severity of the impairment, the company's intent and ability to hold the securities and our assessments of the reason for the decline in value and the likelihood of a near-term recovery. If a determination is made that a debt security is other-than-temporarily impaired, the Company will estimate the amount of the unrealized loss that is attributable to credit and all other non-credit related factors. The credit related component will be recognized as an other-than-temporary impairment charge in non-interest income. The non-credit related component will be recorded as an adjustment to AOCI, net of tax. For held to maturity securities, the amount of an other-than-temporary impairment recorded in other comprehensive income for the noncredit portion of a previous other-than-temporary impairment should be amortized prospectively over the remaining life of the security on the basis of the timing of future estimated cash flows of the security. No available for sale and held to maturity securities at December 31, 2017 or December 31, 2016 were deemed to be impaired.

**Fair Value Measurements.** We use fair value measurements to record fair value adjustments to certain assets to determine fair value disclosures. Investment, mortgage-backed securities available for sale, and interest rate swaps are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis. Additionally, from time to time, we may be required to record at fair value other assets on a nonrecurring basis, such as impaired loans, real estate owned and certain other assets. These nonrecurring fair value adjustments typically involve application of lower-of-cost-or-market accounting or write-downs of individual assets. FASB ASC Topic 820 “Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures” (“ASC Topic 820”), establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation methods used to measure fair value. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC Topic 820 are as follows:

- Level 1:* Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities.
- Level 2:* Quoted prices in markets that are not active, or inputs that are observable either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. Level 2 includes debt securities with quoted prices that are traded less frequently than exchange-traded instruments. Valuation techniques include matrix pricing which is a mathematical technique used widely in the industry to value debt securities without relying exclusively on quoted market prices for the specific securities but rather by relying on the securities’ relationship to other benchmark quoted prices.
- Level 3:* Prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable (i.e., supported with little or no market activity).

Under ASC Topic 820, we base our fair values on the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. It is our policy to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when developing fair value measurements, in accordance with the fair value hierarchy in FASB ASC Topic 820. Fair value measurements for assets where there exists limited or no observable market data and, therefore, are based primarily upon our or other third-party’s estimates, are often calculated based on the characteristics of the asset, the economic and competitive environment and other such factors. Management uses its best judgment in estimating the fair value of our financial instruments; however, there are inherent weaknesses in any estimation technique. Therefore, for substantially all financial instruments, the fair value estimates herein are not necessarily indicative of the amounts we could have realized in sales transaction on the dates indicated. The estimated fair value amounts have been measured as of their respective period end and have not been re-evaluated or updated for purposes of these financial statements subsequent to those respective dates. As such, the estimated fair values of these financial instruments subsequent to the respective reporting dates may be different than the amounts reported at each period-end. Additionally, changes in the underlying assumptions used, including discount rates and estimates of future cash flows, could significantly affect the results of current or future valuations.

## **COMPARISON OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AT YEAR-END DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016**

**General.** At December 31, 2017, we had total assets of \$979.4 million compared to total assets of \$848.7 million at December 31, 2016, an increase of \$130.7 million, or 15.4%. Gross loans increased \$125.4 million, or 18.0%, to \$820.7 million at December 31, 2017, from \$695.3 million at December 31, 2016. Total deposits increased 15.4% to \$762.5 million at December 31, 2017, from \$660.9 million at December 31, 2016.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents.** Our cash and cash equivalents decreased \$3.0 million, or 20.4%, at December 31, 2017 to \$11.6 million from \$14.6 million at December 31, 2016.

**Securities Portfolio.** Our securities portfolio is designed to provide interest income, including tax-exempt income, provide a source of liquidity, diversify the earning assets portfolio, allow for management of interest rate risk, and provide collateral for public fund deposits and borrowings. Securities are classified as either, available for sale or held to maturity. The portfolio is composed primarily of obligations of U.S. government agencies and government sponsored entities, including collateralized mortgage obligations issued by such agencies and entities, and tax-exempt municipal bonds.

We periodically conduct reviews to evaluate whether unrealized losses on our investment securities portfolio are deemed temporary or whether an other-than-temporary impairment has occurred. Various inputs to economic models are used to determine if an unrealized loss is other-than-temporary. All of our debt securities in an unrealized loss position have been evaluated as of December 31, 2017, and we do not consider any security to be other-than-temporarily impaired. We evaluated the prospects of the issuers in relation to the severity and the duration of the unrealized losses. Our securities in unrealized loss positions are mostly driven by wider credit spreads and changes in interest rates. Based on that evaluation we do not intend to sell any security in an

unrealized loss position, and it is more likely than not that we will not have to sell any of our securities before recovery of its cost basis.

Our available for sale securities are carried at fair value while securities held to maturity are carried at cost, adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts. Unrealized gains and losses on securities available for sale are excluded from results of operations, and are reported as a separate component of stockholders' equity net of taxes. Securities classified as available for sale include securities that may be sold in response to changes in interest rates, changes in prepayment risk, the need to increase regulatory capital or other similar requirements. Management determines the appropriate classification of securities at the time of purchase.

The following table shows the carrying value of our available for sale security portfolio as of December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>December 31,</b>		
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
U.S. government agencies	\$ 18,861	\$ 13,087	\$ 12,788
U.S. government sponsored agencies	6,061	—	—
State and political subdivisions	41,234	40,688	38,149
Mortgage-backed securities			
U.S. government-sponsored enterprises	30,544	32,854	42,839
Corporate debt	2,030	1,982	—
<b>Total available for sale</b>	<b>\$ 98,730</b>	<b>\$ 88,611</b>	<b>\$ 93,776</b>

Our securities available for sale, increased by \$10.1 million, or 11.4%, to \$98.7 million at December 31, 2017 from \$88.6 million at December 31, 2016. During 2017, we purchased \$61.2 million in new securities, \$42.6 million in securities were sold and \$8.5 million in securities matured, were called or were repaid. At December 31, 2017, there was an unrealized gain of \$449 thousand in securities available for sale as compared to an unrealized loss of \$1.2 million at December 31, 2016. During 2017 there was a net realized loss of \$9 thousand on the sale of available for sale securities as compared to a \$436 thousand realized gain in 2016.

We had \$5.3 million of our security portfolio classified as held to maturity at December 31, 2017, a decrease of \$6.3 million from December 31, 2016. Held to maturity securities, carried at amortized cost, consist of the following at December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
State and political subdivisions	\$ 5,304	\$ 11,618	\$ 6,834
<b>Total held to maturity securities</b>	<b>\$ 5,304</b>	<b>\$ 11,618</b>	<b>\$ 6,834</b>

The securities portfolio contained no high-risk securities or derivatives as of December 31, 2017.

The contractual maturity distribution and weighted average yield of our available for sale securities at December 31, 2017, are summarized in the following table. Securities available for sale are carried at amortized cost in the table for purposes of calculating the weighted average yield received on such securities. Weighted average yield is calculated by dividing income within each maturity range by the outstanding amount of the related investment and has not been tax-effected on the tax-exempt obligations.

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Due under 1 Year		Due 1-5 Years		Due 5-10 Years		Due over 10 Years	
	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield
Available for sale:								
U.S. Government agencies	\$ —	—%	\$ —	—%	\$ —	—%	\$ 18,799	2.11%
U.S. Government sponsored agencies	—	—%	—	—%	—	—%	6,054	2.11%
State and political subdivisions	—	—%	—	—%	2,953	3.04%	37,517	2.92%
Mortgage-backed securities -								
U.S. government-sponsored enterprises	—	—%	1,524	1.68%	795	1.80%	28,639	2.35%
Corporate debt	—	—%	—	—%	2,000	5.13%	—	—%
<b>Total Available for Sale</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>—%</b>	<b>\$ 1,524</b>	<b>1.68%</b>	<b>\$ 5,748</b>	<b>3.59%</b>	<b>\$ 91,009</b>	<b>2.52%</b>

The contractual maturity distribution and weighted average yield of our securities held to maturity, at cost, at December 31, 2017, are summarized in the following table. Weighted average yield is calculated by dividing income within each maturity range by the outstanding amount of the related investment and has not been tax-effected on the tax-exempt obligations.

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Due under 1 Year		Due 1-5 Years		Due 5-10 Years		Due over 10 Years	
	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield
Held to maturity:								
State and political subdivisions	\$ 2,477	1.36%	\$ 254	2.00%	\$ 2,040	3.88%	\$ 533	3.17%
<b>Total held to maturity</b>	<b>\$ 2,477</b>	<b>1.36%</b>	<b>\$ 254</b>	<b>2.00%</b>	<b>\$ 2,040</b>	<b>3.88%</b>	<b>\$ 533</b>	<b>3.17%</b>

We held \$4.9 million in Federal Home Loan Bank of New York (“FHLBNY”) stock at December 31, 2017 that we do not consider an investment security. Ownership of this restricted stock is required for membership in the FHLBNY.

**Loans.** The loan portfolio comprises the largest component of our earning assets. Total loans receivable, net of unearned income, at December 31, 2017, increased \$125.4 million, or 18.0%, to \$820.7 million from \$695.3 million at December 31, 2016. Loan growth for 2017 occurred primarily in commercial real estate loans (an increase of \$72.2 million, or 15.1%) and residential real estate loans (an increase of \$21.6 million, or 14.4%).

The following table summarizes the composition of our loan portfolio by type as of December 31, 2013 through 2017:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Commercial and industrial	\$ 54,759	\$ 40,280	\$ 20,023	\$ 20,549	\$ 15,205
Construction	42,484	25,360	13,348	12,379	7,307
Commercial real estate	551,445	479,227	382,262	326,370	260,664
Residential real estate	171,844	150,237	127,204	111,498	107,992
Consumer and other loans	1,130	1,038	1,253	1,665	1,617
<b>Total gross loans</b>	<b>\$ 821,662</b>	<b>\$ 696,142</b>	<b>\$ 544,090</b>	<b>\$ 472,461</b>	<b>\$ 392,785</b>

The increase in loans was primarily funded during 2017 by an increase in our deposits and capital raise.

The maturity ranges of the loan portfolio and the amounts of loans with predetermined interest rates and floating rates in each maturity range, as of December 31, 2017, are presented in the following table.

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	December 31, 2017		
	Due Under 1 Year	Due 1-5 Years	Due Over 5 Years
Commercial and industrial	\$ 23,099	\$ 14,382	\$ 17,278
Construction	24,391	2,973	15,120
Commercial real estate	26,398	17,709	507,338
Residential real estate	4,253	3,065	164,526
Consumer and other	381	257	492
Total loans	<u>\$ 78,522</u>	<u>\$ 38,386</u>	<u>\$ 704,754</u>
Interest rates:			
Fixed or predetermined	\$ 74,712	\$ 28,528	\$ 145,429
Floating or adjustable	3,810	9,858	559,325
Total loans	<u>\$ 78,522</u>	<u>\$ 38,386</u>	<u>\$ 704,754</u>

**Loan and Asset Quality.** NPAs consist of non-accrual loans, loans over 90 days delinquent and still accruing interest, troubled debt restructured loans still accruing and foreclosed real estate. Total NPAs decreased by \$120 thousand, or 1.3%, to \$9.2 million at year-end 2017 from \$9.3 million at year-end 2016. The ratio of NPAs to total assets for December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 were 0.9% and 1.1%, respectively.

Our non-accrual loan balance increased \$187 thousand, or 3.2%, to 6.0 million at December 31, 2017, from \$5.8 million at December 31, 2016. Troubled debt restructured loans still accruing increased \$253 thousand, or 37.3%, to \$932 thousand at December 31, 2017, from \$679 thousand at December 31, 2016. Foreclosed assets decreased \$92 thousand to \$2.3 million at December 31, 2017, from \$2.4 million at December 31, 2016.

Management continues to monitor our asset quality and believes that the non-accrual loans are adequately collateralized and anticipated material losses have been adequately reserved for in the allowance for loan losses.

The following table provides information regarding risk elements in the loan and securities portfolio as of December 31, 2013 through 2017.

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Non-accrual loans:					
Commercial and industrial	\$ 20	\$ 33	\$ 20	\$ 94	\$ —
Construction	105	—	—	—	—
Commercial real estate	4,313	4,048	4,016	3,936	9,700
Residential real estate	1,582	1,752	1,138	1,893	2,192
Consumer and other	—	—	138	1	—
Total nonaccrual loans	<u>6,020</u>	<u>5,833</u>	<u>5,312</u>	<u>5,924</u>	<u>11,892</u>
Loans past due 90 days and still accruing	—	468	—	85	123
Troubled debt restructured loans still accruing	932	679	1,553	1,590	1,628
Total non-performing loans	<u>6,952</u>	<u>6,980</u>	<u>6,865</u>	<u>7,599</u>	<u>13,643</u>
Foreclosed real estate	2,275	2,367	3,354	4,449	2,926
Total non-performing assets	<u>\$ 9,227</u>	<u>\$ 9,347</u>	<u>\$ 10,219</u>	<u>\$ 12,048</u>	<u>\$ 16,569</u>
Non-accrual loans to total loans	0.73%	0.84%	0.98%	1.26%	3.03%
Non-performing assets to total assets	0.94%	1.10%	1.49%	2.02%	3.10%
Interest income received on nonaccrual loans	\$ 157	\$ 165	\$ 138	\$ 138	\$ 122
Interest income that would have been recorded under the original terms of the loans	\$ 210	\$ 213	\$ 264	\$ 301	\$ 774

In addition to monitoring non-performing loans we continue to monitor our portfolio for potential problem loans. Potential problem loans are defined as loans which cause management to have serious concerns as to the ability of such borrowers to comply with the present loan repayment terms and which may cause the loan to be placed on non-accrual status. As of December 31, 2017, we had two loans totaling \$4.9 million that we deemed potential problem loans. Management is actively monitoring these loans.

Future increases in the allowance for loan losses may be necessary based on the growth of the loan portfolio, the change in composition of the loan portfolio, possible future increases in non-performing loans and charge-offs, and the impact of deterioration of the real estate and economic environments in our lending region. Although we use the best information available, the level of allowance for loan losses remains an estimate that is subject to significant judgment and short-term change. For additional information, see Critical Accounting Policies above and as more fully described in Note 1 to our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this report.

**Allowance for Loan Losses.** The allowance for loan losses consists of general, specific and unallocated components. The specific component relates to loans that are classified as impaired. For those loans that are classified as impaired, an allowance is established when the discounted cash flows, collateral value or observable market price of the impaired loan is lower than the carrying value of that loan. The general component covers all other loans and is based on historical loss experience adjusted for qualitative factors. Other adjustments may be made to the allowance for pools of loans after an assessment of internal or external influences on credit quality that are not fully reflected in the historical loss or risk rating data.

The allowance contains reserves identified as unallocated. These reserves reflect management's attempt to ensure that the overall allowance reflects a margin for imprecision and the uncertainty that is inherent in estimates of probable credit losses.

Management regularly assesses the appropriateness and adequacy of the loan loss reserve in relation to credit exposure associated with individual borrowers, overall trends in the loan portfolio and other relevant factors, and believes the reserve is reasonable and adequate for each of the periods presented.

At December 31, 2017, the allowance for loan losses was \$7.3 million, an increase of \$639 thousand, or 9.5%, from \$6.7 million at December 31, 2016. The provision for loan losses was \$1.6 million and there were \$973 thousand in charge-offs and \$26 thousand in recoveries during 2017. The allowance for loan losses as a percentage of total loans was 0.89% at December 31, 2017 compared to 0.96% at December 31, 2016. The decrease in allowance for loan losses as percentage of total loans is mostly due to an increase in loans and a decrease in non-performing, classified, and impaired loans as a percentage of total loans at December 31, 2017 as compared to December 31, 2016.

The table below presents information regarding our provision and allowance for loan losses for each of the periods presented.

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>				
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 6,696	\$ 5,590	\$ 5,641	\$ 5,421	\$ 4,976
Provision charged to operating expenses	1,586	1,291	636	1,537	2,745
Recoveries of loans previously charged-off:					
Commercial and industrial	2	268	17	17	122
Commercial real estate	7	37	41	39	450
Residential real estate	10	21	17	4	112
Consumer and other	7	7	7	10	12
Total recoveries	26	333	82	70	696
Loans charged-off:					
Commercial and industrial	13	227	19	1	55
Construction	—	—	—	—	350
Commercial real estate	874	187	560	1,168	2,317
Residential real estate	49	67	165	181	246
Consumer and other	37	37	25	37	28
Total charge-offs	973	518	769	1,387	2,996
Net charge-offs	947	185	687	1,317	2,300
Balance at end of year	\$ 7,335	\$ 6,696	\$ 5,590	\$ 5,641	\$ 5,421
Net charge-offs to average loans outstanding	0.13%	0.03%	0.14%	0.33%	0.62%
Allowance for loan losses total loans at year-end	0.89%	0.96%	1.03%	1.20%	1.38%

The table below presents details concerning the allocation of the allowance for loan losses to the various categories for each of the periods presented. The allocation is made for analytical purposes and it is not necessarily indicative of the categories in which future credit losses may occur. The total allowance is available to absorb losses from any category of loans.

	2017		2016		2015	
	Amount	Percent of Loans in Each Category to Total	Amount	Percent of Loans in Each Category to Total	Amount	Percent of Loans in Each Category to Total
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>						
Commercial and industrial	\$ 208	6.7%	\$ 110	5.8%	\$ 85	3.7%
Construction	336	5.2%	359	3.6%	220	2.5%
Commercial real estate	5,185	67.1%	3,932	68.9%	3,646	70.2%
Residential real estate	1,032	20.9%	899	21.6%	784	23.4%
Consumer and other loans	26	0.1%	19	0.1%	87	0.2%
Unallocated	548	—	1,377	—	768	—
Total	\$ 7,335	100.0%	\$ 6,696	100.0%	\$ 5,590	100.0%

	2014		2013	
	Amount	Percent of Loans in Each Category to Total	Amount	Percent of Loans in Each Category to Total
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
Commercial and industrial	\$ 231	4.3%	\$ 222	3.9%
Construction	383	2.6%	308	1.8%
Commercial real estate	3,491	69.1%	3,399	66.4%
Residential real estate	903	23.6%	941	27.5%
Consumer and other loans	19	0.4%	16	0.4%
Unallocated	614	—	535	—
Total	\$ 5,641	100.0%	\$ 5,421	100.0%

**Bank-owned Life Insurance.** Our BOLI carrying value increased to \$22.1 million at December 31, 2017 from \$16.5 million at December 31, 2016. The increase was principally the result of the addition of two policies for \$2.0 million and \$3.0 million during the second quarter of 2017. Additionally there was \$522 thousand in net earnings on BOLI policies in 2017.

**Deposits.** Total deposits increased \$101.6 million, or 15.4%, to \$762.5 million at December 31, 2017, from \$660.9 million at December 31, 2016. The increase in deposits was due to increases in interest bearing demand deposits of \$70.9 million, or 20.5%, mainly attributable to a \$43.3 million increase in brokered money market deposits, time deposits of \$16.9 million, or 9.3%, and non-interest bearing transaction deposits of \$13.7 million, or 10.4%, for December 31, 2017, as compared to December 31, 2016. Our funding mix continued to improve as non-interest deposits increased.

Total average deposits increased \$123.7 million from \$601.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 to \$724.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2017, a 20.6% increase. Average NOW accounts increased \$37.8 million, or 25.9%, from \$145.7 million for 2016 to \$183.5 million for 2017. Average demand accounts increased \$21.7 million, or 18.4% from \$117.9 million for 2016 to \$139.6 million for 2017. Average time deposits increased \$8.3 million, or 5.1%, from \$162.9 million for 2016 to \$171.2 million for 2017. Average money market balances increased \$56.5 million, or 152.4%, from \$37.0 million for 2016 to \$93.5 million for 2017. Average savings accounts decreased \$576 thousand or 0.4%, from \$137.7 million for 2016 to \$137.1 million for 2017. Increases to average NOW accounts, demand, time deposits and money market balances were partly offset by the aforementioned decrease in savings accounts.

The average balances and weighted average rates paid on deposits for 2017, 2016 and 2015 are presented below.

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Year Ended December 31,					
	2017 Average		2016 Average		2015 Average	
	Balance	Rate	Balance	Rate	Balance	Rate
Demand, non-interest bearing	\$ 139,611	—%	\$ 117,927	—%	\$ 86,016	—%
NOW	183,457	0.32%	145,659	0.21%	130,569	0.17%
Money market	93,505	0.90%	37,046	0.40%	17,287	0.20%
Savings	137,120	0.21%	137,696	0.21%	139,120	0.20%
Time	171,163	1.09%	162,864	1.05%	119,256	1.03%
Total deposits	<u>\$ 724,856</u>	<u>0.49%</u>	<u>\$ 601,192</u>	<u>0.41%</u>	<u>\$ 492,248</u>	<u>0.36%</u>

The remaining maturity for certificates of deposit accounts of \$100,000 or more as of December 31, 2017 is presented in the following table.

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	
3 months or less	\$ 65,798
3 to 6 months	15,356
6 to 12 months	12,542
Over 12 months	20,802
Total	<u>\$ 114,498</u>

**Borrowings.** Borrowings may consist of short and long-term advances from the FHLB NY and a line of credit at Atlantic Central Bankers Bank. The FHLB NY advances are secured under terms of a blanket collateral agreement by a pledge of qualifying residential and commercial mortgage loans. At December 31, 2017, we had \$35.0 million in long-term FHLB advances outstanding at a weighted average interest rate of 1.67%.

The following table summarizes short-term borrowings and weighted average interest rates paid during the past three years.

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Year Ended December 31,		
	2017	2016	2015
Average daily amount of short-term borrowings outstanding during the period	\$ 19,713	\$ 27,304	\$ 8,778
Weighted average interest rate on average daily short-term borrowings	1.21%	0.63%	0.43%
Maximum short-term borrowings outstanding at any month-end	\$ 60,696	\$ 62,535	\$ 34,650
Short-term borrowings outstanding at period end	\$ 55,350	\$ 29,805	\$ 34,650
Weighted average interest rate on short-term borrowings at period end	1.58%	0.79%	0.52%

**Subordinated Debentures.** On June 28, 2007, we raised \$12.9 million in capital through the issuance of subordinated debentures to a non-consolidated statutory trust subsidiary. The subsidiary in turn issued \$12.5 million in variable rate capital trust pass through securities to investors in a private placement. The interest rate is based on the three-month LIBOR plus 144 basis points and adjusts quarterly. The rate at December 31, 2017 was 3.03%. The capital securities are currently redeemable by us at par in whole or in part. These trust preferred securities must be redeemed upon final maturity on September 15, 2037. The proceeds of these trust preferred securities, which have been contributed to the Bank, are included in the Bank's capital ratio calculations and treated as Tier I capital.

In accordance with FASB ASC 810, *Consolidation*, our wholly owned subsidiary, Sussex Capital Trust II, is not included in our consolidated financial statements. For regulatory reporting purposes, the Federal Reserve Board allows trust preferred securities to continue to qualify as Tier I capital subject to specified limitations.

During the quarter ended December 31, 2016, the Company completed a \$15 million private placement of fixed-to-floating rate subordinated notes to an institutional investor. The subordinated notes have a maturity date of December 22, 2026



and bear interest at the rate of 5.75% per annum, payable quarterly, for the first five years of the term, and then at a variable rate that will reset quarterly to a level equal to the then current 3-month LIBOR plus 350 basis points over the remainder of the term.

During the quarter ended March 31, 2016, the Company entered into an interest rate swap agreement related to the subordinated notes where the Company pays a fixed rate of 3.10% and receives the three-month LIBOR plus 144 basis points. The Company utilizes the interest rate swap to hedge the risk of variability in its future cash flows attributable to changes in the three-month LIBOR rate.

**Equity.** Stockholders' equity inclusive of AOCI, net of income taxes, was \$94.2 million at December 31, 2017, an increase of \$34.1 million, from the \$60.1 million at year-end 2016. The increase in stockholders' equity was mostly due to a capital raise of approximately \$28.0 million, used to fund loans, and \$5.7 million in net income in 2017, which was offset by \$1.2 million in dividends declared during 2017.

## COMPARISON OF OPERATING RESULTS FOR YEAR-END DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

**Results of Operations.** Our net income is impacted by five major components and each of them is reviewed in more detail in the following discussion:

- net interest income, or the difference between interest income earned on loans and investments and interest expense paid on deposits and borrowed funds;
- provision for loan losses, or the amount added to the allowance for loan losses to provide reserves for inherent losses on loans;
- non-interest income, which is made up primarily of certain loan and deposit fees, insurance commissions and gains and losses from sales of securities or other transactions;
- non-interest expense, which consists primarily of salaries, employee benefits, credit collection and write-off costs, merger-related expenses and other operating expenses; and
- income taxes.

For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company reported net income of \$5.7 million, or \$1.05 per diluted share, or a 3.0% increase, as compared to net income of \$5.5 million, or \$1.19 per diluted share, for the same period last year. For 2017, our core net income (a non-GAAP measurement) was \$7.7 million, or \$1.42 per diluted share. The increase in net income for the year ended December 31, 2017 was largely due to an increase in net interest income of \$4.7 million, which was partially offset by increases in non-interest expenses of \$3.0 million and income tax expenses of \$1.7 million; \$942 thousand of the increase in income tax expense was the result of remeasuring deferred tax assets based on the reduced corporate tax rate under the newly enacted Tax Act from 34% to 21%. The increase in non-interest expenses was largely due to an \$1.7 million increase in salaries and employee benefits and merger-related expenses of \$1.2 million.

**Net Interest Income.** Net interest income is the most significant component of our income from operations. Net interest income is the difference between interest earned on total interest-earning assets (primarily loans and investment securities), on a fully taxable equivalent basis, where appropriate, and interest paid on total interest-bearing liabilities (primarily deposits and borrowed funds). Fully taxable equivalent basis represents income on total interest-earning assets that is either tax-exempt or taxed at a reduced rate, adjusted to give effect to the prevailing incremental federal tax rate, and adjusted for nondeductible carrying costs and state income taxes, where applicable. Yield calculations, where appropriate, include these adjustments. Net interest income depends on the volume and interest rate earned on interest-earning assets and the volume and interest rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities.

**Comparative Average Balance and Average Interest Rates.** The following table presents, on a fully taxable equivalent basis (a non-GAAP measurement), a summary of our interest-earning assets and their average yields, and interest-bearing liabilities and their average costs for each of the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015. The average balances of loans include non-accrual loans, and associated yields include loan fees, which are considered adjustment to yields.

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Year Ended December 31,								
	2017			2016			2015		
	Average Balance	Interest	Average Rate (2)	Average Balance	Interest	Average Rate (2)	Average Balance	Interest	Average Rate (2)
Earning Assets:									
Securities:									
Tax exempt <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 46,449	\$ 1,918	4.13%	\$ 32,359	\$ 1,247	3.85%	\$ 33,688	\$ 1,348	4.00%
Taxable	64,636	1,437	2.22%	69,225	1,443	2.08%	65,402	1,239	1.89%
Total securities	111,085	3,355	3.02%	101,584	2,690	2.65%	99,090	2,587	2.61%
Total loans receivable <sup>(1) (4)</sup>	756,766	32,953	4.35%	625,399	26,862	4.30%	488,963	21,497	4.40%
Other interest-earning assets	8,611	35	0.41%	9,440	23	0.24%	7,109	9	0.13%
Total earning assets <sup>(3)</sup>	876,462	36,343	4.15%	736,423	29,575	4.02%	595,162	24,093	4.05%
Non-interest earning assets	45,398			40,106			37,834		
Allowance for loan losses	(7,113)			(6,059)			(5,698)		
Total Assets	<u>\$ 914,747</u>			<u>\$ 770,470</u>			<u>\$ 627,298</u>		
Sources of Funds:									
Interest bearing deposits:									
NOW	\$ 183,457	\$ 584	0.32%	\$ 145,659	\$ 313	0.21%	\$ 130,569	\$ 227	0.17%
Money market	93,505	843	0.90%	37,046	148	0.40%	17,287	35	0.20%
Savings	137,120	285	0.21%	137,696	286	0.21%	139,120	282	0.20%
Time	171,163	1,872	1.09%	162,864	1,702	1.05%	119,256	1,228	1.03%
Total interest bearing deposits	585,245	3,584	0.61%	483,265	2,449	0.51%	406,232	1,772	0.44%
Borrowed funds	78,551	1,749	2.23%	93,974	1,922	2.05%	65,600	1,576	2.40%
Subordinated debentures	27,844	1,278	4.59%	13,256	391	2.95%	12,887	220	1.71%
Total interest bearing liabilities	691,640	6,611	0.96%	590,495	4,762	0.81%	484,719	3,568	0.74%
Non-interest bearing liabilities:									
Demand deposits	139,611			117,927			86,016		
Other liabilities	4,167			4,530			3,848		
Total non-interest bearing liabilities	143,778			122,457			89,864		
Stockholders' equity	79,329			57,518			52,715		
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	<u>\$ 914,747</u>			<u>\$ 770,470</u>			<u>\$ 627,298</u>		
Net Interest Income and Margin <sup>(5)</sup>		29,732	3.39%		24,813	3.37%		20,525	3.45%
Tax-equivalent basis adjustment <sup>(3)</sup>		(644)			(415)			(449)	
Net Interest Income		<u>\$ 29,088</u>			<u>\$ 24,398</u>			<u>\$ 20,076</u>	

(1) Includes loan fee income

(2) Average rates on securities are calculated on amortized costs

(3) Full taxable equivalent basis, using a 34% effective tax rate and adjusted for TEFRA (Tax and Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act) interest expense disallowance

(4) Loans outstanding include non-accrual loans

(5) Represents the difference between interest earned and interest paid, divided by average total interest-earning assets

Net interest income on a fully tax equivalent basis increased \$4.9 million, or 19.8%, to \$29.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to \$24.8 million for the same period in 2016. Included in the increase in net interest income was \$635 thousand in prepayment penalties on \$54.9 million of commercial loans, an increase of \$544 thousand, or 601.2%, as compared to the same period in 2016. The net interest margin increased by 2 basis points to 3.39% for the year ended December 31, 2017, as compared to the same period in 2016.

**Interest Income.** Total interest income, on a fully taxable equivalent basis, increased \$6.8 million, or 22.9%, to \$36.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to \$29.6 million for the same period in 2016. The increase in interest income was largely due to a \$140.0 million, or 19.0%, increase in average interest earning assets, principally loans receivable, which

increased \$131.4 million, or 21.0%. The increase in average balance was partly complimented by an increase in average rate of 13 basis points to 4.15% for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to the same period in 2016. The increase in average rate was mostly attributed to a 37 basis point increase in the average rate earned on securities.

Interest income from securities, on a fully taxable equivalent basis, increased \$665 thousand, or 24.7%, for the year ended December 31, 2017 compared to the same period in 2016. The increase was due to an increase in the average balance of the securities portfolio of \$9.5 million, or 9.4%, to \$111.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to the same period in 2016. The increase in the average balance of the securities portfolio was complimented by an increase in the average rate of 37 basis points to 3.02% for 2017 from 2.65% for 2016.

Interest income from the loan portfolio increased by \$6.1 million, or 22.7%, to \$33.0 million for 2017 from \$26.9 million for 2016. The improvement was due to an increase in the average balance on loans, which increased \$131.4 million, or 21.0%, for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to the same period in 2016. The increase in the average balance on loans was complimented by an increase of 5 basis points in the average rate on the loan portfolio for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to the same period in 2016.

**Interest Expense.** Total interest expense increased \$1.8 million, or 38.8%, to \$6.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 from \$4.8 million for the same period in 2016. The increase was principally due to growth in the average balance of interest-bearing deposits of \$102.0 million and average balance of subordinated debentures of \$14.6 million in 2017 compared to 2016. The average rate increased 15 basis points for 2017 compared to 2016.

The following table reflects the impact on net interest income from changes in the volume of earning assets and interest bearing liabilities and changes in rates earned and paid by us on such assets and liabilities. For purposes of this table, nonaccrual loans have been included in the average loan balance. Changes due to both volume and rate have been allocated in proportion to the relationship of the dollar amount change in each.

	December 31, 2017 v. 2016			December 31, 2016 v. 2015		
	Increase (decrease) Due to changes in:			Increase (decrease) Due to changes in:		
	Volume	Rate	Total	Volume	Rate	Total
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>						
Securities:						
Tax exempt <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 577	\$ 94	\$ 671	\$ (52)	\$ (49)	\$ (101)
Taxable	(99)	93	(6)	75	129	204
Total securities	478	187	665	23	80	103
Total loans receivable <sup>(2)</sup>	5,715	376	6,091	5,871	(506)	5,365
Other interest-earning assets	(2)	14	12	4	10	14
Total net change in income on interest-earning assets	6,191	577	6,768	5,898	(416)	5,482
Interest bearing deposits:						
NOW	95	176	271	28	58	86
Money market	381	314	695	61	52	113
Savings	(1)	—	(1)	(3)	7	4
Time	89	81	170	456	18	474
Total interest bearing deposits	564	571	1,135	542	135	677
Borrowed funds	(333)	160	(173)	606	(260)	346
Subordinated debentures	590	297	887	6	165	171
Total net change in expense on interest-bearing liabilities	821	1,028	1,849	1,154	40	1,194
Change in net interest income	\$ 5,370	\$ (451)	\$ 4,919	\$ 4,744	\$ (456)	\$ 4,288

(1) Fully taxable equivalent basis, using 39% effective tax rate and adjusted for TEFRA (Tax and Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act) interest expense disallowance

(2) Includes loan fee income

**Provision for Loan Losses.** Provision for loan losses increased \$295 thousand to \$1.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2017, as compared to \$1.3 million for the same period in 2016. The increase in the provision for loan losses for the year-ended December 31, 2017 was largely attributed to an increase in loan growth. The provision for loan losses reflects management review, analysis and judgment of the credit quality of the loan portfolio for 2017 and the effects of current economic environment and changes in real estate collateral values from the time the loans were originated. Our non-accrual loans increased \$187 thousand, or 3.2%, to \$6.0 million at December 31, 2017 from \$5.8 million at December 31, 2016. We believe these loans are adequately provided for in our loan loss allowance or are sufficiently collateralized at December 31, 2017. The provision for loan losses

reflects management's judgment concerning the risks inherent in our existing loan portfolio and the size of the allowance necessary to absorb the risks, as well as the activity in the allowance during the periods. Management reviews the adequacy of its allowance on an ongoing basis and will provide additional provisions, as deemed necessary. Also see Note 7 to our consolidated financial statements herein for further discussion.

**Non-Interest Income.** Non-interest income consists of all income other than interest and dividend income and is principally derived from: service charges on deposits; insurance commission income; commissions on sales of annuities and mutual funds; ATM and debit card income; BOLI income; and net gains on sale of securities and loans. We recognize the importance of supplementing net interest income with other sources of income as we continue to explore new opportunities to generate non-interest income.

Non-interest income increased \$456 thousand, or 5.8%, to \$8.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to the same period last year. The increase was principally due to growth of \$530 thousand in insurance commissions and fees relating to Tri-State Insurance Agency and an increase of \$214 thousand in bank owned life insurance, due to an increase in investments in bank owned life insurance. The aforementioned were partly offset by a reduction in gain on sales of securities of approximately \$453 thousand.

**Non-Interest Expense.** Total non-interest expense increased \$3.0 million, or 13.4%, to \$25.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to the same period last year. The increase for the year ended December 31, 2017, as compared to the same period in 2016, was largely due to increases in salaries and employee benefits of \$1.7 million, merger-related expenses of \$1.2 million associated with the acquisition of Community Bank of Bergen County, NJ, professional fees of \$385 thousand, and other expenses of \$270 thousand and was partly offset by decreases of \$245 thousand in FDIC assessment fees and \$175 in expenses and write-downs related to foreclosed real estate. The increase in salaries and employee benefits for 2017 as compared to 2016 was largely due to an increase in personnel to support the Company's growth.

**Income Taxes.** The provision for income taxes was \$4.5 million and \$2.8 million for 2017 and 2016, respectively. Our effective tax rate was 44.0% and 33.9% for 2017 and 2016, respectively. The increase in income tax expense and effective rate for the year ended December 31, 2017 was primarily attributable to growth in pre-tax income from taxable sources and the re-measurement of deferred tax assets based on the reduced corporate tax rate under the newly enacted Tax Act, which added \$942 thousand in tax expenses and increased the effective tax rate by 9.3%. See Notes 1 and 18 to our consolidated financial statements for further discussion on income taxes.

## **Operational Risk**

We are exposed to a variety of operational risks that can affect each of our business activities, particularly those involving processing and servicing of loans. Operational risk is defined as the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people or systems from external events. The risk of loss also includes losses that may arise from potential legal actions that could result from operational deficiencies or noncompliance with contracts, laws or regulations. We monitor and evaluate operational risk on an ongoing basis through systems of internal control, formal corporate-wide policies and procedures, and an internal audit function.

## **Liquidity, Capital Resources and Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

**Liquidity.** A fundamental component of our business strategy is to manage liquidity to ensure the availability of sufficient resources to meet all financial obligations and to finance prospective business opportunities. Liquidity management is critical to our stability. Our liquidity position over any given period of time is a product of our operating, financing and investing activities. The extent of such activities is often shaped by such external factors as competition for deposits and loan demand.

Traditionally, financing for our loans and investments is derived primarily from deposits, along with interest and principal payments on loans and investments. At December 31, 2017, total deposits amounted to \$762.5 million, an increase of \$101.6 million, or 15.4%, from December 31, 2016. At December 31, 2017, borrowings from the FHLBNY and Atlantic Central Bankers Bank ("ACBB") and subordinated debentures totaled \$118.2 million and represented 12.1% of total assets as compared to \$123.6 million and 14.6% of total assets, at December 31, 2016.

Loan production continued to be our principal investing activity. Net loans at December 31, 2017 amounted to \$813.4 million, an increase of \$124.8 million, or 18.1%, from December 31, 2016.

Our most liquid assets are cash and cash equivalents. At December 31, 2017, the total of such assets amounted to \$11.6 million, or 1.2%, of total assets, compared to \$14.6 million, or 1.7%, of total assets at year-end 2016. Another significant liquidity source

is our available for sale securities. At December 31, 2017, available for sale securities amounted to \$98.7 million compared to \$88.6 million at year-end 2016.

In addition to the aforementioned sources, we have available various other sources of liquidity, including federal funds purchased from other banks and the Federal Reserve Board discount window. The Bank also has the capacity to borrow an additional \$113.7 million through its membership in the FHLBNY and \$10.0 million line of credit at ACBB at December 31, 2017. Management believes that our sources of funds are sufficient to meet our present funding requirements.

**Capital Resources.** The Bank's regulators have classified and defined bank capital as consisting of Tier I capital, which includes tangible stockholders' equity for common stock and certain preferred stock and other hybrid instruments, and Total risk based capital. Total risk based capital includes Tier I capital and Tier II capital, which includes a portion of the allowance for loan losses, certain qualifying long-term debt and preferred stock which does not qualify for Tier I capital.

The Bank's regulators have implemented risk-based guidelines which require banks to maintain certain minimum capital as a percent of such assets and certain off-balance sheet items adjusted for predefined credit risk factors (risk-adjusted assets). Banks are required to maintain Tier I capital as a percent of risk-adjusted assets of 7.25% and Total risk based capital as of risk-adjusted assets of 9.25% at a minimum, both including the capital conservation buffer. At December 31, 2017, the Bank's Tier I and Total risk based capital ratios were 14.28% and 15.19%, respectively.

In addition to the risk-based guidelines discussed above, the Bank's regulators require that banks, which meet the regulators' highest performance and operational standards, maintain a minimum leverage ratio (Tier I capital as a percent of tangible assets) of 4.0%. For those banks with higher levels of risk or that are experiencing or anticipating growth, the minimum will be proportionately increased. Minimum leverage ratios for each bank and bank holding company are established and updated through the ongoing regulatory examination process. As of December 31, 2017, the Bank had a leverage ratio of 11.87%.

**Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements.** Our consolidated financial statements do not reflect off-balance sheet arrangements that are made in the normal course of business. These off-balance sheet arrangements consist of unfunded loans and letters of credit made under the same standards as on-balance sheet instruments. These unused commitments at December 31, 2017 totaled \$181.7 million, which consisted of \$87.6 million in commitments to grant commercial and residential loans, \$93.6 million in unfunded commitments under lines of credit and \$485 thousand in outstanding letters of credit. These instruments have fixed maturity dates, and because many of them will expire without being drawn upon, they do not generally present any significant liquidity risk to us. Management believes that any amounts actually drawn upon can be funded in the normal course of operations.

## **Market Risk**

Market risk is generally described as the sensitivity of income to adverse changes in interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates, commodity prices, and other relevant market rates or prices. Market rate sensitive instruments include: financial instruments such as investments, loans, mortgage-backed securities, deposits, borrowings and other debt obligations; derivative financial instruments, such as futures, forwards, swaps and options; and derivative commodity instruments, such as commodity futures, forwards, swaps and options that are permitted to be settled in cash or another financial instrument.

We do not have any material exposure to foreign currency exchange rate risk or commodity price risk. We did not enter into any market rate sensitive instruments for trading purposes nor did we engage in any trading or hedging transactions utilizing derivative financial instruments during 2017. Our real estate loan portfolio, concentrated largely in northern New Jersey, is subject to risks associated with the local and regional economies. Our primary source of market risk exposure arises from changes in market interest rates ("interest rate risk").

## **Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk is generally described as the exposure to potentially adverse changes in current and future net interest income resulting from: fluctuations in interest rates, product spreads, and imbalances in the repricing opportunities of interest-rate-sensitive assets and liabilities. Therefore, managing our interest rate sensitivity is a primary objective of our senior management. Our Asset/Liability Committee ("ALCO") is responsible for managing the exposure to changes in market interest rates. We review a variety of strategies that project changes in asset or liability mix and the impact of those changes on projected net interest income and net income.

Current and future sensitivity to changes in interest rates are measured through the use of balance sheet and income simulation models. The analyses capture changes in net interest income using flat rates as a base, a most likely rate forecast and rising and declining interest rate forecasts. Changes in net interest income and net income for the forecast period, generally twelve to twenty-

four months, are measured and compared to policy limits for acceptable change. There are a variety of reasons that may cause actual results to vary considerably from the predictions presented below which include, but are not limited to, the timing, magnitude, and frequency of changes in interest rates, interest rate spreads, prepayments, and actions taken in response to such changes. Specific assumptions used in the simulation model include instantaneous and permanent yield curve shifts for market rates and current asset and liability spreads to market interest rates are fixed.

The following table sets forth our interest rate risk profile at December 31, 2017 and 2016. The interest rate sensitivity of our assets and liabilities and the impact on net interest income illustrated in the following table would vary substantially if different assumptions were used or if actual experience differs from that indicated by the assumptions.

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i> Change in Interest Rates (basis points)	Net Portfolio Value <sup>(2)</sup>			Net interest Income		
	Estimated NPV <sup>(1)</sup>	Estimated Increase (Decrease)		Estimated Net Interest Income <sup>(3)</sup>	Estimated Increase (Decrease)	
		Amount	Percent		Amount	Percent
December 31, 2017						
+200bp	\$ 88,038	\$ (20,247)	(18.7)%	\$ 27,375	\$ (4,148)	(13.2)%
0bp	\$ 108,285	—	—	\$ 31,523	—	—
-100bp	\$ 105,903	\$ (2,382)	(2.2)%	\$ 31,860	\$ 337	1.1 %
December 31, 2016						
+200bp	\$ 84,321	\$ (20,019)	(19.2)%	\$ 24,274	\$ (1,827)	(7.0)%
0bp	\$ 104,340	—	—	\$ 26,101	—	—
-100bp	\$ 83,419	\$ (20,921)	(20.1)%	\$ 24,880	\$ (1,221)	(4.7)%

(1) Assumes an instantaneous and parallel shift in interest rates at all maturities.

(2) NPV, also referred to as economic value of equity, is the discounted present value of expected cash flows from assets, liabilities and off-balance sheet contracts.

(3) Assumes a gradual change in interest rates over a one year period at all maturities.

Certain shortcomings are inherent in the methodologies used in the above interest rate risk measurements. Modeling changes in net interest income requires the making of certain assumptions regarding prepayment and deposit decay rates, which may or may not reflect the manner in which actual yields and costs respond to changes in market interest rates. While management believes such assumptions are reasonable, there can be no assurance that assumed prepayment rates and decay rates will approximate actual future loan prepayment and deposit withdrawal activity. Moreover, the net interest income table presented assumes that the composition of interest sensitive assets and liabilities existing at the beginning of a period remains constant over the period being measured and also assumes that a particular change in interest rates is reflected uniformly across the yield curve regardless of the duration to maturity or repricing of specific assets and liabilities. Accordingly, although the net interest income table provides an indication of our interest rate risk exposure at a particular point in time, such measurement is not intended to and does not provide a precise forecast of the effect of changes in market interest rates on net interest income and will differ from actual results. Furthermore, the simulation does not reflect actions that ALCO might take in response to anticipated changes in interest rates or competitive conditions in the market place.

### Impact of Inflation and Changing Prices

Unlike most industrial companies, virtually all of the assets and liabilities of a financial institution are monetary in nature. As a result, the level of interest rates has a more significant impact on a financial institution's performance than general levels of inflation. Interest rates do not necessarily move in the same direction or change with the same magnitude as the price of goods and services, which are affected by inflation. Accordingly, the liquidity, interest rate sensitivity and maturity characteristics of our assets and liabilities are more indicative of our ability to maintain acceptable performance levels. Management monitors and seeks to mitigate the impact of interest rate changes by attempting to match the maturities of assets and liabilities, thus seeking to minimize the potential effect of inflation.

## ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Not Applicable.

## **ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**

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Our consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto may be found beginning on page F-1 of this report.

## **ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

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None.

### **ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

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#### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Management, including our President and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon that evaluation, our President and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports we file and submit under the Exchange Act (i) is recorded, processed, summarized and reported as and when required and (ii) accumulated and communicated to our management including our President and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely discussion regarding required disclosure.

We regularly assess the adequacy of our internal control over financial reporting and enhance our controls in response to internal control assessments and internal and external audit and regulatory requirements. There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with the evaluation that occurred during our last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or that is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

#### **Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Rules 13A-15 (f) and 15d-15 (f) of the Exchange Act. Our internal control system was designed to provide reasonable assurance to our management and Board of Directors as to the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with GAAP. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements, errors or fraud. Also, projections of any evaluations of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management, including our President and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, assessed the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017. In making this assessment, management used criteria set forth in 1992 by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in *Internal Control-Integrated Framework*. Based on this assessment, management concluded that as of December 31, 2017, our internal control over financial reporting is operating as designed and is effective based on the COSO criteria.

Our independent registered public accounting firm, BDO USA, LLP, that audited the consolidated financial statements has issued an audit report on the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017. The report can be found on F-2.

### **ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION**

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None.

## PART III

### **ITEM 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

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The information included in our Definitive Proxy Statement for the 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the “Proxy Statement”) under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference: “Proposal 1- Election of Directors,” “Information About Our Board of Directors,” “Information About Our Executive Officers Who Are Not Directors,” “Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance,” “Corporate Governance – Code of Ethics and Corporate Governance Guidelines,” “Corporate Governance – Committees of the Board of Directors – Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee” and “Corporate Governance - Committees of the Board of Directors – Audit Committee.”

### **ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

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The information included in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference: “Executive Compensation” and “Director Compensation.”

### **ITEM 12 SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS**

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The information included in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference: “Securities Authorized For Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans” and “Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management.”

### **ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE**

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The information included in the Proxy Statement under the following captions is incorporated herein by reference: “Transactions with Related Persons” and “Corporate Governance – Board of Directors Independence.”

### **ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES**

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The information included in the Proxy Statement under the following caption is incorporated herein by reference: “Proposal 2 – Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm - Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Fees and Services.”



## PART IV

### ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

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#### (a)(1) Financial Statements

Reference is made to the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in Item 8 of Part II hereof.

#### (a)(2) Financial Statement Schedules

Consolidated financial statement schedules have been omitted because the required information is not present, or not present in amounts sufficient to require submission of the schedules, or because the required information is provided in the consolidated financial statements or notes thereto.

#### (a)(3) Exhibits

The exhibits required to be filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K are listed in the Exhibit Index attached hereto and are incorporated herein by reference.

### ITEM 16. FORM 10-K SUMMARY

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None.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SUSSEX BANCORP

/s/ Anthony Labozzetta

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Anthony Labozzetta

President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: March 15, 2018

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each person whose individual signature appears below hereby authorizes and appoints Anthony Labozzetta and Steven M. Fusco, and each of them, with full power of substitution and resubstitution and full power to act without the other, as his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent to act in his or her name, place and stead and to execute in the name and on behalf of each person, individually and in each capacity stated below, and to file any and all amendments to this Annual Report on Form 10-K, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing, ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them or their or his substitute or substitutes may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue thereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities indicated on March 15, 2018.

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**Name****Title**

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/s/ Anthony Labozzetta

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**Anthony Labozzetta**

President and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

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/s/ Steven M. Fusco

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**Steven M. Fusco**

Chief Financial Officer and Senior Executive Vice President  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

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/s/ Peter A. Michelotti

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**Peter A. Michelotti**

Chief Operating Officer and Senior Executive Vice President  
(Principal Operating Officer)

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/s/ Patrick Brady

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**Patrick Brady**

Director

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/s/ Richard Branca

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**Richard Branca**

Director

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/s/ Katherine H. Caristia

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/s/ Dominick D`Agosta

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**Dominick D`Agosta**

Director

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/s/ Mark J. Hontz

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/s/ Edward J. Leppert

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/s/ Walter Loeffler

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**Walter Loeffler**

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/s/ Michael McBride

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Director

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## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Stockholders and Board of Directors  
Sussex Bancorp  
Rockaway, New Jersey

### Opinion on the Consolidated Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Sussex Bancorp (the “Company”) and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the related consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, stockholders’ equity, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the “consolidated financial statements”). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company and subsidiaries at December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (“PCAOB”), the Company’s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (“COSO”) and our report dated March 15, 2018, expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

### Basis for Opinion

These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company’s consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

BDO USA, LLP

We have served as the Company’s auditor since 2013.  
Woodbridge, New Jersey  
March 15, 2018



## **Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

Stockholders and Board of Directors  
Sussex Bancorp  
Rockaway, New Jersey

### **Opinion on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

We have audited Sussex Bancorp's (the "Company's") internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the "COSO criteria"). In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB"), the consolidated balance sheets of Sussex Bancorp (the "Company") and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the related consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes, and our report dated March 15, 2018 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

### **Basis for Opinion**

The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying "Item 9A, Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting". Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit of internal control over financial reporting in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

### **Definition and Limitations of Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in



accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

BDO USA, LLP

Woodbridge, New Jersey  
March 15, 2018

**SUSSEX BANCORP**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

*(Dollars in Thousands)*

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 3,270	\$ 2,847
Interest-bearing deposits with other banks	8,376	11,791
Cash and cash equivalents	11,646	14,638
Interest bearing time deposits with other banks	100	100
Securities available for sale, at fair value	98,730	88,611
Securities held to maturity, at amortized cost (fair value of \$5,430 and \$11,739 at December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively)	5,304	11,618
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock, at cost	4,925	5,106
Loans receivable, net of unearned income	820,700	695,257
Less: allowance for loan losses	7,335	6,696
Net loans receivable	813,365	688,561
Foreclosed real estate	2,275	2,367
Premises and equipment, net	8,389	8,728
Accrued interest receivable	2,472	2,058
Goodwill	2,820	2,820
Bank-owned life insurance	22,054	16,532
Other assets	7,303	7,589
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 979,383</b>	<b>\$ 848,728</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Liabilities:		
Deposits:		
Non-interest bearing	\$ 146,167	\$ 132,434
Interest bearing	616,324	528,487
Total deposits	762,491	660,921
Short-term borrowings	55,350	29,805
Long-term borrowings	35,000	66,000
Accrued interest payable and other liabilities	4,501	4,090
Subordinated debentures	27,848	27,840
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>885,190</b>	<b>788,656</b>
Stockholders' Equity:		
Preferred stock, no par value, 1,000,000 shares authorized; none issued	—	—
Common stock, no par value, 10,000,000 shares authorized; 6,040,564 and 4,741,068 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively	65,274	36,538
Deferred Compensation obligation under Rabbi Trust	1,399	1,383
Retained earnings	27,532	23,291
Accumulated other comprehensive income	1,387	243
Stock held by Rabbi Trust	(1,399)	(1,383)
<b>Total Stockholders' Equity</b>	<b>94,193</b>	<b>60,072</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</b>	<b>\$ 979,383</b>	<b>\$ 848,728</b>

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**SUSSEX BANCORP**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

Year Ended December 31,

*(Dollars in thousands except per share data)*

	2017	2016
<b>INTEREST INCOME</b>		
Loans receivable, including fees	\$ 32,953	\$ 26,862
Securities:		
Taxable	1,437	1,443
Tax-exempt	1,274	832
Interest bearing deposits	35	23
<b>Total Interest Income</b>	<b>35,699</b>	<b>29,160</b>
<b>INTEREST EXPENSE</b>		
Deposits	3,584	2,449
Borrowings	1,749	1,922
Subordinated debentures	1,278	391
<b>Total Interest Expense</b>	<b>6,611</b>	<b>4,762</b>
<b>Net Interest Income</b>	<b>29,088</b>	<b>24,398</b>
<b>PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES</b>		
	1,586	1,291
<b>Net Interest Income after Provision for Loan Losses</b>	<b>27,502</b>	<b>23,107</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>		
Service fees on deposit accounts	1,123	975
ATM and debit card fees	777	767
Bank-owned life insurance	522	308
Insurance commissions and fees	5,326	4,796
Investment brokerage fees	24	75
Net (loss) gain on sales of securities	(9)	444
Net loss on sale and disposal of premises and equipment	7	(19)
Other	515	483
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>8,285</b>	<b>7,829</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries and employee benefits	14,773	13,078
Occupancy, net	1,880	1,859
Data processing	2,173	2,108
Furniture and equipment	938	993
Advertising and promotion	308	311
Professional fees	1,173	788
Director fees	399	450
FDIC assessment	263	508
Insurance	279	280
Stationary and supplies	148	191
Merger-related expenses	1,187	—
Loan collection costs	122	140
Net expenses and write-downs related to foreclosed real estate	283	458
Other	1,691	1,421
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>25,617</b>	<b>22,585</b>
<b>Income before Income Taxes</b>	<b>10,170</b>	<b>8,351</b>
<b>EXPENSE FOR INCOME TAXES</b>		
	4,479	2,828
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>5,691</b>	<b>5,523</b>
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS):</b>		
Unrealized gains (losses) on available for sale securities arising during the period	1,682	(950)
Fair value adjustments on derivatives	(196)	1,647
Reclassification adjustment for net loss (gain) on securities transactions included in net income	9	(436)
Income tax related to items of other comprehensive income	(598)	(104)
<b>Other comprehensive income, net of income taxes</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>157</b>
<b>Comprehensive income</b>	<b>\$ 6,588</b>	<b>\$ 5,680</b>
<b>EARNINGS PER SHARE</b>		
Basic	\$ 1.06	\$ 1.20
Diluted	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.19

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**SUSSEX BANCORP**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**  
**Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016**

<i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i>	Number of Shares Outstanding	Common Stock	Deferred Compensation Obligation Under Rabbi Trust	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Stock Held by Rabbi Trust	Treasury Stock	Total Stockholders' Equity
<b>Balance December 31, 2015</b>	4,646,238	\$ 35,927	\$ —	\$ 18,520	\$ 86	\$ —	\$ (592)	\$ 53,941
Net income	—	—	—	5,523	—	—	—	5,523
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	157	—	—	157
Treasury shares purchased	(2,127)	—	—	—	—	—	(26)	(26)
Funding of Supplemental Director Retirement Plan	—	—	1,383	—	—	(1,383)	—	—
Stock issued to fund Rabbi Trust	60,920	198	—	—	—	—	616	814
Options exercised	449	2	—	—	—	—	2	4
Restricted stock granted	42,167	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted stock forfeited	(6,579)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Compensation expense related to stock option and restricted stock grants	—	411	—	—	—	—	—	411
Dividends declared on common stock (\$0.16 per share)	—	—	—	(752)	—	—	—	(752)
<b>Balance December 31, 2016</b>	4,741,068	36,538	1,383	23,291	243	(1,383)	—	60,072
Net income	—	—	—	5,691	—	—	—	5,691
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	897	—	—	897
Reclassification due to the adoption of ASU 2018-02	—	—	—	(247)	247	—	—	—
Funding of Supplemental Director Retirement Plan	—	—	16	—	—	(16)	—	—
Net proceeds of common stock issued	1,249,999	28,027	—	—	—	—	—	28,027
Restricted stock granted	53,554	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted stock forfeited	(4,057)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Compensation expense related to stock option and restricted stock grants	—	709	—	—	—	—	—	709
Dividends declared on common stock (\$0.22 per share)	—	—	—	(1,203)	—	—	—	(1,203)
<b>Balance December 31, 2017</b>	6,040,564	\$ 65,274	\$ 1,399	\$ 27,532	\$ 1,387	\$ (1,399)	\$ —	\$ 94,193

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**SUSSEX BANCORP**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

Year Ended December 31,

(Dollars in thousands)

	2017	2016
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Net income	\$ 5,691	\$ 5,523
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Provision for loan losses	1,586	1,291
Depreciation and amortization	1,061	1,115
Net amortization of securities premiums and discounts	1,656	1,546
Amortization of subordinated debt costs	8	—
Net realized loss (gain) on sale of securities	9	(444)
Net realized (gain) loss on sale and disposal of premises and equipment	(7)	19
Net realized (gain) loss on sale of foreclosed real estate	(46)	7
Write-downs of and provisions for foreclosed real estate	236	251
Deferred income tax expense	637	9
Earnings on bank-owned life insurance	(522)	(308)
Compensation expense for stock options and stock awards	709	411
(Increase) decrease in assets:		
Accrued interest receivable	(414)	(294)
Other assets	(1,145)	(721)
Increase in accrued interest payable and other liabilities	411	735
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b>9,870</b>	<b>9,140</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>		
Securities available for sale:		
Purchases	(61,190)	(42,943)
Sales	42,594	36,483
Maturities, calls and principal repayments	8,532	9,156
Securities held to maturity:		
Purchases	(2,478)	(8,763)
Sales	—	1,008
Maturities, calls and principal repayments	8,763	2,952
Net increase in loans	(126,885)	(152,748)
Proceeds from the sale of foreclosed real estate	834	1,458
Purchases of bank premises and equipment	(1,184)	(988)
Proceeds from the sale of premises and equipment	32	5
Purchases of bank owned life insurance	(5,000)	(3,700)
Net decrease in Federal Home Loan Bank stock	181	59
<b>Net Cash Used in Investing Activities</b>	<b>(135,801)</b>	<b>(158,021)</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>		
Net increase in deposits	101,570	143,065
Net increase (decrease) in short-term borrowed funds	25,545	(4,845)
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	—	10,000
Repayment of long-term borrowings	(31,000)	(5,000)
Proceeds from subordinated debt, net of issuance cost of \$47	—	14,953
Net proceeds from capital raise	28,027	—
Purchase of treasury stock	—	(26)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	—	4
Dividends paid	(1,203)	(752)
<b>Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities</b>	<b>122,939</b>	<b>157,399</b>
<b>Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>(2,992)</b>	<b>8,518</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning</b>	<b>14,638</b>	<b>6,120</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents - Ending</b>	<b>\$ 11,646</b>	<b>\$ 14,638</b>
<b>Supplementary Cash Flows Information</b>		
Interest paid	\$ 6,505	\$ 4,679
Income taxes paid	\$ 4,035	\$ 2,755
<b>Supplementary Schedule of Noncash Investing and Financing Activities</b>		
Foreclosed real estate acquired in settlement of loans	\$ 495	\$ 729
Other real estate owned transferred from fixed assets	\$ 437	\$ —
Treasury stock used to fund deferred compensation liability	\$ —	\$ 814

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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*Principles of Consolidation*

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Sussex Bancorp (the “Company”) and its wholly owned subsidiary, Sussex Bank (the “Bank”). The Bank’s wholly owned subsidiaries are SCB Investment Company, Inc., SCBNY Company, Inc., ClassicLake Enterprises, LLC, PPD Holding Company, LLC and Tri-State Insurance Agency, Inc. (“Tri-State”). All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

*Organization and Nature of Operations*

The Company’s business is conducted principally through the Bank. The Bank is a New Jersey state chartered bank and provides full banking services. The Bank generates commercial, mortgage and consumer loans and receives deposits from customers at its eight branches located in Sussex County, New Jersey, one branch in Warren County, New Jersey, one branch in Bergen County, New Jersey and one in Queens County, New York. As a state bank, the Bank is subject to regulation by the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The Company is subject to regulation by the Federal Reserve Board. SCB Investment Company, Inc. and SCBNY Company, Inc. hold portions of the Bank’s investment portfolio. Tri-State provides insurance agency services mostly through the sale of property and casualty insurance policies. ClassicLake Enterprises, LLC, and PPD Holding Company, LLC hold certain foreclosed properties. The Company opened a corporate office in Rockaway, New Jersey during the first quarter of 2015, a regional office and corporate center in Wantage, New Jersey during the third quarter of 2015, a branch in Astoria, Queens, New York during the first quarter of 2015 and a branch in Oradell, New Jersey during the first quarter of 2017.

*Estimates*

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Material estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant change in the near term relate to the determination of the other-than-temporary impairment, allowance for loan losses, valuation of foreclosed real estate, valuation of goodwill, the valuation of deferred tax assets and the fair value of financial instruments.

*Significant Group Concentrations of Credit Risk*

Most of the Company’s activities are with customers located within Sussex County, New Jersey and adjacent counties in the states of New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Notes 3 and 4 discuss the types of securities that the Company invests in. The types of lending that the Company engages are included in Note 5. Although the Company has a diversified loan portfolio, its debtors’ ability to honor their contracts is influenced by the region’s economy. The Company does not have any significant concentrations in any one industry or customer.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents*

For purposes of the consolidated statements of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include highly liquid instruments with original maturities of less than 90 days, primarily, balances due from banks, interest bearing deposits with banks and federal funds sold. Generally, federal funds are purchased and sold for one-day periods.

*Securities*

Securities are designated at the time of acquisition as available for sale or held to maturity. Securities that the Company will hold for indefinite periods of time and that might be sold in the future as part of efforts to manage interest rate risk or in response to changes in interest rates, changes in prepayment risk, changes in market conditions or changes in economic factors are classified as available for sale. Securities available for sale are carried at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses excluded from earnings and reported in other comprehensive (loss) income, net of related deferred tax effect. Securities that the Company has the positive intent and ability to hold to maturity are designated as held to maturity regardless of changes in market conditions, liquidity needs or changes in general economic conditions and carried at amortized cost.

Purchase premiums and discounts are recognized in interest income using the level yield method over the contractual terms of the securities. Gains and losses realized on sales of securities are determined on the specific identification method and are reported in non-interest income.

The Company periodically evaluates the security portfolio to determine if a decline in the fair value of any security below its cost basis is other-than-temporary. The Company's evaluation of other-than-temporary impairment considers the duration and severity of the impairment, the company's intent and ability to hold the securities and our assessments of the reason for the decline in value and the likelihood of a near-term recovery. If a determination is made that a debt security is other-than-temporarily impaired, the Company will estimate the amount of the unrealized loss that is attributable to credit and all other non-credit related factors. The credit related component will be recognized as an other-than-temporary impairment charge in non-interest income. The non-credit related component will be recorded as an adjustment to accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI"), net of tax.

#### *Federal Home Loan Bank Stock*

Federal law requires a member institution of the Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB") system to hold stock of its district FHLB according to a predetermined formula. Based on redemption provisions of the FHLB, the stock has no quoted market value and is carried at cost. The FHLB stock was carried at \$4.9 million and \$5.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

#### *Loans Receivable*

Loans receivable that management has the intent and ability to hold for the foreseeable future or until maturity or payoff are stated at their outstanding unpaid principal balances, net of an allowance for loan losses and any deferred fees or costs. Interest income is accrued on the unpaid principal balance. Loan origination fees, net of certain direct origination costs, are deferred and recognized as an adjustment of the yield (interest income) of the related loans. The Bank is generally amortizing these amounts over the contractual life of the loan.

The loans receivable portfolio is segmented into commercial and residential and consumer loans. Commercial loans consist of the following classes: commercial and industrial, commercial real estate, and construction loans. Residential and consumer loans consist of the following classes: residential real estate and consumer and other loans.

For all classes of loans, the accrual of interest is discontinued when the contractual payment of principal or interest has become 90 days past due or management has serious doubts about further collectability of principal or interest, even though the loan is currently performing. A loan may remain on accrual status if it is in the process of collection and is either guaranteed or well secured. When a loan is placed on nonaccrual status, unpaid interest credited to income in the current year is reversed and unpaid interest accrued in prior years is charged against the allowance for loan losses. Interest received on nonaccrual loans including impaired loans generally are either applied against principal or reported as interest income, according to management's judgment as to the collectability of principal. Generally, loans are restored to accrual status when the obligation is brought current, has performed in accordance with the contractual terms for a reasonable period of time (generally six months) and the ultimate collectability of the total contractual principal and interest is no longer in doubt. The past due status of all classes of loans receivable is determined based on contractual due dates for loan payments.

#### *Allowance for Loan Losses*

The allowance for loan losses represents the amount, which, in management's judgment, will be adequate to absorb credit losses inherent in the loan portfolio as of the balance sheet date. The adequacy of the allowance is determined by management's evaluation of the loan portfolio based on such factors as the differing economic risks associated with each loan category, the current financial condition of specific borrowers, the economic environment in which borrowers operate, the level of delinquent loans, the value of any collateral and, where applicable, the existence of any guarantees or indemnifications.

The allowance for loan losses is established through provisions for loan losses charged against income. Loans deemed to be uncollectible are charged against the allowance for loan losses, and subsequent recoveries, if any, are credited to the allowance for loan losses. The allowance for loan losses consists of specific, general and unallocated components. The specific component relates to loans that are classified as impaired. For such loans, an allowance is established when the discounted cash flows, collateral value or observable market price is lower than the carrying value for that loan. The general component covers all other loans and is based on historical loss factors adjusted for general economic factors and other qualitative risk factors such as changes in delinquency trends, industry concentrations and local/national economic trends. The allowance contains reserves identified as unallocated. These reserves reflect management's attempt to ensure that the overall allowance reflects a margin for imprecision and the uncertainty that is inherent in estimates of probable credit losses.

A loan is considered impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect the scheduled payments of principal or interest when due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Factors considered by management in determining impairment include payment status, collateral value and the probability of collecting scheduled principal and interest payments when due. Loans that experience insignificant payment delays and payment shortfalls generally are not classified as impaired.

Management determines the significance of payment delays and payment shortfalls on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration all of the circumstances surrounding the loan and the borrower, including the length of the delay, the reasons for the delay, the borrower's prior payment record and the amount of the shortfall in relation to the principal and interest owed. Impairment is measured on a loan by loan basis for commercial and industrial, commercial real estate and construction loans by either the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate, the loan's observable market price or the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent.

#### *Troubled Debt Restructurings ("TDR")*

A modification to the terms of a loan is generally considered a TDR if the Company grants a concession to the borrower that it would not otherwise consider for economic or legal reasons related to the debtor's financial difficulties. A TDR may include, but is not necessarily limited to, the modification of loan terms such as a temporary or permanent reduction of the loan's stated interest rate, extension of the maturity date and/or reduction or deferral of amounts owed under the terms of the loan agreement.

All restructured loans that qualify as TDRs are placed on nonaccrual status for a period of no less than six months after restructuring, irrespective of the borrower's adherence to a TDR's modified repayment terms during which time TDRs continue to be adversely classified and reported as impaired. TDRs may be returned to accrual status if (1) the borrower has performed in accordance with the terms of the restructured loan agreement for no less than six consecutive months after restructuring, and (2) the Company expects to receive all principal and interest owed in accordance with the terms of the restructured loan agreement. If these conditions are met the loan may also be returned to a non-adverse classification while retaining its impaired status.

#### *Transfers of Financial Assets*

Transfers of financial assets are accounted for as sales when control over the assets has been surrendered. Control over transferred assets is deemed to be surrendered when (1) the assets have been isolated from the Company, (2) the transferee obtains the right (free of conditions that constrain it from taking advantage of that right) to pledge or exchange the transferred assets, and (3) the Company does not maintain effective control over the transferred assets through an agreement to repurchase them before their maturity.

#### *Foreclosed Real Estate*

Foreclosed real estate is primarily comprised of property acquired through a foreclosure proceeding or acceptance of a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure. Foreclosed real estate is initially recorded at fair value, less cost to sell at the date of foreclosure, establishing a new cost basis. Subsequent to foreclosure, valuations are periodically performed by management and the assets are carried at the lower of carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell. Revenues and expenses from operations and changes in the valuation allowance are included in expenses related to foreclosed real estate.

We may obtain physical possession of residential real estate collateralizing a consumer mortgage loan via foreclosure on an in-substance repossession. As of December 31, 2017, we held \$179 thousand in foreclosed residential real estate properties as a result of obtaining physical possession. As of December 31, 2016, we did not hold foreclosed residential real estate properties as a result of obtaining physical possession. In addition, as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, we had consumer loans with a carrying value of \$180 thousand and \$666 thousand, respectively, collateralized by residential real estate property for which formal foreclosure proceedings were in process.

#### *Premises and Equipment*

Land is carried at cost. Premises and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives of the related assets:

	Years
Buildings and building improvements	20 – 40
Leasehold improvements	5 – 10
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	5 – 10
Computer equipment and software	3 – 5

The Company periodically evaluates impairment of long-lived assets to be held and used or to be disposed of by sale. There was no impairment of long-lived assets at any of the reported periods.

*Bank-owned Life Insurance (“BOLI”)*

BOLI is carried at the amount that could be realized under the Company’s life insurance contracts as of the date of the consolidated balance sheets and is classified as a non-interest earning asset. BOLI involves purchasing life insurance by the Company on a chosen group of employees in order to fund certain employee and director benefits. The Company is the owner and beneficiary of the policies. Increases in the carrying value are recorded as non-interest income in the consolidated statements of income and insurance proceeds received are generally recorded as a reduction of the carrying value. The carrying value consists of cash surrender value of \$16.5 million at December 31, 2017 and \$12.5 million at December 31, 2016.

*Goodwill*

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair market value of net assets acquired. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Company has recorded goodwill totaling \$2.8 million, consisting of \$2.3 million from the acquisition of an insurance agency in 2001 and \$486 thousand from the acquisition of a bank branch in 2006. In accordance with current accounting standards, goodwill is not amortized, but evaluated at least annually for impairment. Any impairment of goodwill results in a charge to income. The Company periodically assesses whether events and changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amounts of goodwill and intangible assets may be impaired. The estimated fair value of each reporting segment exceeded its book value; therefore, no write-down of goodwill was required. The goodwill related to the insurance agency is not deductible for tax purposes.

*Advertising Costs*

The Company follows the policy of charging the costs of advertising to expense as incurred.

*Income Taxes*

The Company accounts for income taxes under the asset/liability method in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification 740, *Income Taxes*. The income tax guidance results in two components of income tax expense: current and deferred. Current income tax expense reflects taxes to be paid or refunded for the current period by applying the provisions of the enacted tax law to the taxable income or excess of deductions over revenues. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases, as well as operating loss and tax credit carry forwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period in which they occur. A valuation allowance is established against deferred tax assets when, in the judgment of management, it is more likely than not that such deferred tax assets will not become available. Because the judgment about the level of future taxable income is dependent to a great extent on matters that may, at least in part, be beyond the Company’s control, it is at least reasonably possible that management’s judgment about the need for a valuation allowance for deferred taxes could change in the near term.

In connection with the accounting guidance related to accounting for uncertainty in income taxes, which sets out a consistent framework to determine the appropriate level of tax reserves to maintain for uncertain tax positions, the Company has evaluated its tax positions as of December 31, 2017. A tax position is recognized as a benefit only if it is “more likely than not” that the tax position would be sustained in a tax examination, with a tax examination being presumed to occur. The amount recognized is the largest amount of the tax benefit that has more than a 50 percent likelihood of being realized on examination. For tax positions not meeting the “more likely than not” test, no tax benefit is recorded. Under the “more likely than not” threshold guidelines, the Company believes no significant uncertain tax positions exist, either individually or in the aggregate, that would give rise to the non-recognition of an existing tax benefit. As of December 31, 2017 the Company had no material unrecognized tax benefits or accrued interest or penalties. The Company’s policy is to account for interest as a component of interest expense and penalties as a component of other expense. The Company and its subsidiaries file a consolidated federal income tax return as well as income tax returns in the States of New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. The Company’s federal and state income tax returns subsequent to 2014 remain subject to examination by respective tax authorities.

*Off-Balance Sheet Financial Instruments*

In the ordinary course of business, the Bank has entered into off-balance sheet financial instruments consisting of commitments to extend credit and letters of credit. Such financial instruments are recorded in the balance sheet when they are funded.

*Derivatives*

The Company utilizes derivative instruments in the form of interest rate swaps to hedge the variability in its cash flows due to interest rate risk. The variability in cash flows is managed as part of the Company’s asset/liability management process. In accordance with accounting requirements, the Company formally designates all of its hedging relationships as cash flow hedges, intended to offset changes in the cash flows of certain financial instruments due to movement in interest rates, and documents the strategy for undertaking the hedge transactions and its method of assessing ongoing effectiveness.

All derivatives are recognized as either assets or liabilities in the Consolidated Financial Statements at their fair values. Should the cash flow hedge become ineffective, the ineffective portion of changes in fair value (i.e. gain or loss) is reported in current period earnings. The effective portion of the change in fair value is initially recorded as a component of other comprehensive income (loss) and subsequently reclassified into earnings when the hedged transaction effects earnings.

Derivative effectiveness and ineffectiveness will be assessed and measured at the date of designation (inception), each reporting date, and whenever a designated hedge period is terminated to ensure that ongoing high effectiveness is expected by regression analysis of the periodic change in fair value of the hedging instrument and the periodic change in fair value of the hypothetical derivative.

The Company's interest rate derivatives are comprised entirely of interest rate swaps hedging floating-rate and forecasted issuances of fixed-rate liabilities and accounted for as cash flow hedges. The carrying value of interest rate derivatives is included in the balance of other assets or other liabilities. Changes in fair value are offset against accumulated other comprehensive income, net of deferred income tax.

#### *Stock Compensation Plans*

The Company currently has multiple stock plans in place for employees and directors of the Company. U.S. GAAP requires that the compensation cost relating to share-based payment transactions be recognized in financial statements. The share-based compensation accounting guidance requires that compensation cost for all stock awards be calculated and recognized over a defined vesting period. For awards with graded-vesting, compensation cost is recognized on a straight-line basis over the requisite vesting period for the entire award. A Black-Scholes model is used to estimate the fair value of stock options, while the market price of the Company's common stock at the date of grant is used for restricted stock awards.

Effective in 2016, the Company and Bank amended the Directors' Deferred Compensation Agreement ("DCA") to permit directors of the Company and Bank to defer their board fees in the form of shares of to be held in Rabbi Trust. Fees deferred in the form of shares placed in the Rabbi Trust are accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the applicable guidance specific to deferred compensation plans involving Rabbi Trusts contained within Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") section 710.

#### *Earnings per Share*

Basic earnings per share represents net income available to common stockholders divided by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. The weighted-average common shares outstanding include the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding less the weighted average number of unvested shares of restricted stock. Diluted earnings per share reflect additional common shares that would have been outstanding if dilutive potential common shares had been issued, as well as any adjustment to income that would result from the assumed issuance. Potential common shares that may be issued by the Company relate to outstanding stock options and non-vested restricted stock grants. Potential common shares related to stock options are determined using the treasury stock method. Shares held by the Rabbi Trust are treated as treasury stock for purposes of basic and diluted earnings per share calculations while the related share obligations are reflection in the denominator of the earnings per share calculations in accordance with the provisions of ASC 260-10-45.

#### *Comprehensive Income*

Comprehensive income includes net income and all other changes in equity during a period except those resulting from investments by owners and distributions to owners. Other comprehensive income includes revenues, expenses, gains and losses that under U.S. GAAP are included in comprehensive income but excluded from net income. Comprehensive income and accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI") are reported net of related income taxes. AOCI for the Company consists of unrealized holding gains or losses on securities available for sale and fair value adjustments on derivatives.

#### *Treasury Stock*

Repurchases of shares of Company common stock are recorded at cost as a reduction of stockholders' equity. Reissuances of shares of treasury stock are recorded at average cost.

#### *Segment Reporting*

The Company acts as an independent community financial services provider and offers traditional banking and related financial services to individual, business and government customers. Through its branch and automated teller machine networks, the Bank offers a full array of commercial and retail financial services, including taking of time, savings and demand deposits; the making of commercial, consumer and mortgage loans; and the providing of other financial services. Management does not separately allocate expenses, including the cost of funding loan demand, between the commercial, retail, trust and mortgage banking operations of the Bank. As such, discrete financial information is not available and segment reporting would not be meaningful. The



Company's insurance agency is managed separately from the traditional banking and related financial services that the Company offers. The insurance operations provides primarily property and casualty coverage. See Note 2 for segment reporting of insurance operations.

#### *Insurance Agency Operations*

Tri-State is a retail insurance broker operating in the State of New Jersey. The insurance agency's primary source of revenue is commission income, which is earned by placing insurance coverage for its customers with various insurance underwriters. The insurance agency places basic property and casualty, life and health coverage with about twenty different insurance carriers. There are two main billing processes, direct billing (currently accounts for approximately 80% of revenues) and agency billing.

#### *Revenue Recognition of Tri-State Insurance Agency*

Commission revenues are recognized as of the effective date of the insurance policy or the date on which the policy premium is processed into our systems, whichever is later. Commission revenues related to installment billings are recognized on the latter of effective or invoiced date. Subsequent commission adjustments are recognized upon our receipt of notification from insurance companies concerning matters necessitating such adjustments. Profit-sharing contingent commissions are recognized when determinable, which is generally when such commissions are received from insurance companies, or when we receive formal notification of the amount of such payments.

#### *Subsequent Events*

The Company has evaluated events and transactions occurring subsequent to the balance sheet date of December 31, 2017 for items that should potentially be recognized or disclosed in these financial statements. The evaluation was conducted through the date these financial statements were issued.

#### *New Accounting Standards*

In May 2014, the FASB issued an Accounting Standard Update ("ASU") 2014-09 to amend its guidance on "Revenue from Contracts with Customers, (Topic 606)". The objective of the ASU is to align the recognition of revenue with the transfer of promised goods or services provided to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. This ASU will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance under U.S. GAAP when it becomes effective. In August 2015, the FASB issued an amendment (ASU 2015-14) which defers the effective date of this new guidance by one year. More detailed implementation guidance on Topic 606 was issued in March 2016 (ASU 2016-08), April 2016 (ASU 2016-10) May 2016 (ASU 2016-12), December 2016 (ASU 2016-20), February 2017 (ASU 2017-05) and September 2017 (ASU 2017-13), and the effective date and transition requirements for these ASUs are the same as the effective date and transition requirements of ASU 2014-09. The amendments in Topic 606 are effective for public business entities for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017. Approximately 80% of the Company's revenue is comprised of interest income on financial assets, which are explicitly excluded from the scope of Topic 606. In addition, approximately 65% of the Company's non-interest income consists of insurance commissions and fees, which are also excluded from the scope of Topic 606. With respect to the remaining elements of our non-interest income, management has identified revenue streams within the scope of the guidance, primarily service fees on deposits and ATM and debit card fees. Topic 606 states that revenue should be recognized when the entity satisfies a performance obligation by transferring goods or services to the customer. An asset is considered transferred when the customer obtains control of the asset and is able to use and obtain substantially all of the benefits of the asset. The entity then has to determine whether the performance obligation was satisfied over time or at a point in time to determine when to recognize revenue. The entity determined based on the criteria presented in Topic 606 that the performance obligation was satisfied at a point in time since the customer obtains immediate control of the deposit accounts and ATM/Debit Card and there are no additional obligations that the entity performs over time; therefore, the revenue would be recognized as received. The Company recognized \$1.1 million in income for Service fees on deposit accounts and \$777 thousand in ATM and debit card fees for the year ended December 31, 2017. The Company currently presents the revenue and associated costs on a gross basis. ASU 2014-09 and related amendments were adopted effective January 1, 2018, using the cumulative effect approach. Under this alternative, the Company will apply the new revenue standard only to contracts that are incomplete under legacy U.S. GAAP at the date of initial application and recognize the cumulative effect of the new standard as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings. That is, prior years will not be restated and additional disclosures will be provided to enable users of the financial statements to understand the impact of adopting the new standard in the current year compared to prior years that are presented under legacy U.S. GAAP. The Company's adoption of the ASU did not significantly change the recognition of revenue on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In January 2016, FASB issued ASU 2016-01, *Financial Instruments – Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*. ASU 2016-01, among other things, (i) requires equity investments, with certain exceptions, to be measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in net income; (ii) simplifies the impairment assessment of equity investments without readily determinable fair values by requiring a qualitative assessment to identify

impairment; (iii) eliminates the requirement for public business entities to disclose the methods and significant assumptions used to estimate the fair value that is required to be disclosed for financial instruments measured at amortized cost on the balance sheet; (iv) requires public business entities to use the exit price notion when measuring the fair value of financial instruments for disclosure purposes; (v) requires an entity to present separately in other comprehensive income the portion of the total change in the fair value of a liability resulting from a change in the instrument-specific credit risk when the entity has elected to measure the liability at fair value in accordance with the fair value option for financial instruments; (vi) requires separate presentation of financial assets and financial liabilities by measurement category and form of financial asset on the balance sheet or the accompanying notes to the financial statements; and (vii) clarifies that an entity should evaluate the need for a valuation allowance on a deferred tax asset related to available-for-sale. For public entities, the guidance is effective for annual periods, and interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company's adoption of the ASU did not have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In February 2016, FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*. Under the new guidance, lessees will be required to recognize the following for all leases (with the exception of short-term leases) at the commencement date: (i) a lease liability, which is a lessee's obligation to make lease payments arising from a lease, measured on a discounted basis; and (ii) a right-of-use asset, which is an asset that represents the lessee's right to use, or control the use of, a specified asset for the lease term. Under the new guidance, lessor accounting is largely unchanged. Public business entities should apply the amendments in ASU 2016-02 for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early application is permitted for all public business entities upon issuance. Lessees (for capital and operating leases) and lessors (for sales-type, direct financing, and operating leases) must apply a modified retrospective transition approach for leases existing at, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements. The Company currently expects that upon adoption of ASU 2016-02, right-of-use assets and lease liabilities will be recognized in the consolidated balance sheet in amounts that will be material; however, there will be no material impact on operations.

In March 2016, FASB issued ASU 2016-09, *Compensation – Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting*. FASB issued ASU 2016-09 as part of its initiative to reduce complexity in accounting standards. The areas for simplification in this ASU 2016-09 involve several aspects of the accounting for employee share-based payment transactions, including the income tax consequences, classification of awards as either equity or liabilities, and classification on the statement of cash flows. Some of the areas for simplification apply only to nonpublic entities. For public business entities, the amendments in this update are effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim periods within those annual periods. The Company's adoption of this ASU, effective January 1, 2017, did not have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In May 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-09, which amends the scope of modification accounting for share-based payment arrangements issued in ASU 2016-09. The ASU provides guidance on the types of changes to the terms or conditions of share-based payment awards to which an entity would be required to apply modification accounting under ASC 718. Specifically, an entity would not apply modification accounting if the fair value, vesting conditions, and classification of the awards are the same immediately before and after the modification. The Company's adoption of the ASU did not have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In June, 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2016-13, *Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326)* (the "ASU"), which introduces new guidance for the accounting for credit losses on instruments within its scope. The new guidance introduces an approach based on expected losses to estimate credit losses on certain types of financial instruments. It also modifies the impairment model for available-for-sale (AFS) debt securities and provides for a simplified accounting model for purchased financial assets with credit deterioration since their origination. The ASU will be effective for public business entities that are SEC filers in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods within those fiscal years. All other entities will have one additional year. Early application of the guidance will be permitted for all entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the pending adoption of the new standard on its consolidated financial statements. The Company has taken steps to prepare for implementation when it becomes effective, such as evaluating the potential use of outside professionals for an updated model.

In August 2016, FASB issued ASU No. 2016-15, *Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments* (a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force), which addresses eight classification issues related to the statement of cash flows: (i) debt prepayment or debt extinguishment costs, (ii) settlement of zero-coupon bonds, (iii) contingent consideration payments made after a business combination, (iv) proceeds from the settlement of insurance claims, (v) proceeds from the settlement of corporate-owned life insurance policies, including bank-owned life insurance policies, (vi) distributions received from equity method investees, (vii) beneficial interests in securitization transactions, and (viii) separately identifiable cash flows and application of the predominance principle. ASU 2016-15 is effective for public business entities for annual and interim periods in fiscal years

beginning after December 15, 2017. Early adoption is permitted, including adoption in an interim period. If an entity early adopts the ASU in an interim period, adjustments should be reflected as of the beginning of the fiscal year that includes that interim period. An entity that elects early adoption must adopt all of the amendments in the same period. Entities should apply this ASU using a retrospective transition method to each period presented. If it is impracticable for an entity to apply the ASU retrospectively for some of the issues, it may apply the amendments for those issues prospectively as of the earliest date practicable. The Company's adoption of the ASU did not have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In January 2017, FASB issued ASU 2017-04, *Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment (Topic 350)*. The main objective of this ASU is to simplify the accounting for goodwill impairment by requiring impairment charges be based upon the first step in the current two-step impairment test under Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 350. Currently, if the fair value of a reporting unit is lower than its carrying amount (Step 1), an entity calculates any impairment charge by comparing the implied fair value of goodwill with its carrying amount (Step 2). This ASU's objective is to simplify how all entities assess goodwill for impairment by eliminating Step 2 from the goodwill impairment test. As amended, the goodwill impairment test will consist of one step comparing the fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount. An entity should recognize a goodwill impairment charge for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit's fair value. The standard will be applied prospectively and is effective for annual and interim impairment tests performed in periods beginning after December 15, 2019. Early adoption is permitted for annual and interim goodwill impairment testing dates after January 1, 2017. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the pending adoption on its consolidated financial statements.

In March 2017, FASB issued ASU 2017-08, *Premium Amortization on Purchased Callable Debt Securities (Subtopic 310-20)*. The update shortens the amortization period for premiums on purchased callable debt securities to the earliest call date. The amendment will apply only to callable debt securities with explicit, noncontingent call features that are callable at fixed prices and on preset dates, apply to all premiums on callable debt securities, regardless of how they were generated, and require companies to reset the effective yield using the payment terms of the debt security if the call option is not exercised on the earliest call date. The ASU does not require an accounting change for securities held at a discount. The discount continues to be amortized to maturity and does not apply when the investor has already incorporated prepayments into the calculation of its effective yield under other GAAP. The amendments in the ASU are effective for public business entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those years. Early adoption is permitted, including adoption in an interim period. If an entity early adopts the amendments in an interim period, any adjustments should be reflected as of the beginning of the fiscal year that includes that interim period. The Company's adoption of the ASU will not have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In August 2017, FASB issued ASU 2017-12 *Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815)*. The objective of the ASU is to improve the financial reporting of hedging relationships to better portray the economic results of an entity's risk management activities in its financial statements and to make improvements to simplify the application of hedge accounting guidance in current GAAP. The amendments in the ASU will, among other things, 1) permit hedge accounting for risk components in hedging relationships involving nonfinancial risk and interest rate risks; 2) change the guidance for designating fair value hedges of interest rate risk and for measuring the change in fair value of the hedged item in fair value hedges of interest rate risk; 3) modify disclosures to include a tabular disclosure related to the effect on the income statement of fair value and cash flow hedges; and 4) eliminate the requirement to disclose the ineffective portion of the change in fair value of hedging instruments. These changes will more closely align the results of cash flow and fair value hedge accounting with risk management activities and the presentation of hedge results in the financial statements. ASU 2017-12 will be effective for public business entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years. For all other entities, the ASU will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019 and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020. Early application is permitted in any interim period after issuance of the update with all transition requirements and elections being applied to hedging relationships existing on the date of adoption. The Company's adoption of the ASU will not have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In January 2018, FASB issued ASU 2018-02 *Income Statement - Reporting Comprehensive Income (Topic 220)* which introduces guidance for stranded tax effects resulting from the re-measurement of deferred tax assets and liabilities due to the newly enacted Tax Act. The amendments in ASU 2018-02 would require a reclassification from accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI") to retained earnings for tax effects resulting from the re-measurement. The amount of the reclassification would be the difference between the amount initially charged or credited to other comprehensive income at the previous U.S. federal corporate income tax rate (34 percent) that remains in AOCI and the amount that would've been charged or credited directly to other comprehensive income using the newly enacted U.S. federal corporate income tax rate (21 percent). ASU 2018-02 is effective for all entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Entities

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should apply the amendments in this ASU using a retrospective transition method to each period in which the effect of the change in U.S. federal corporate income tax rate in the “Tax Act” is recognized. Early application is permitted, including adoption in interim periods, for public business entities in which financial statements have not yet been issued and for all other entities in which financial statements have not been made available for issuance. As a result of the “Tax Act” the Company re-measured their deferred tax assets and liabilities utilizing the newly enacted federal corporate income tax rate which resulted in a reduction of \$247 thousand in deferred tax liabilities related to elements of accumulated other comprehensive income and a related reduction of federal income tax of \$247 thousand for the year ended December 31, 2017. The Company elected to early adopt this ASU and, accordingly, has reclassified the \$247 thousand from accumulated other comprehensive income to retained earnings effective December 31, 2017. Such reclassification is reflected in the Company’s consolidated statements of stockholders' equity.

**NOTE 2 – STOCK OFFERING**

On June 21, 2017, we announced the closing of an underwritten public offering of 1,136,363 shares of the Company’s common stock at a public offering price of \$24.00 per share. The Company granted the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 113,636 shares of its common stock, which was exercised in full by the Underwriters on June 16, 2017. The net proceeds to the Company (including the proceeds from the exercise of the Underwriters’ option) after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions was \$28.0 million, which will be used for general corporate purposes. The Company incurred \$470 thousand in offering expenses which reduced net proceeds.

**NOTE 3 – SEGMENT REPORTING**

Segment information for 2017 and 2016 is as follows:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>Banking and Financial Services</b>	<b>Insurance Services</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Year Ended December 31, 2017:</b>			
Net interest income from external sources	\$ 29,088	\$ —	\$ 29,088
Other income from external sources	2,864	5,421	8,285
Depreciation and amortization	1,037	24	1,061
Income before income taxes	8,757	1,413	10,170
Income tax expense	3,914	565	4,479
Total assets	975,123	4,260	979,383
<b>Year Ended December 31, 2016:</b>			
Net interest income from external sources	\$ 24,398	\$ —	\$ 24,398
Other income from external sources	3,033	4,796	7,829
Depreciation and amortization	1,089	26	1,115
Income before income taxes	7,152	1,199	8,351
Income tax expense	2,348	480	2,828
Total assets	843,703	5,025	848,728

**NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

Management uses its best judgment in estimating the fair value of the Company’s financial instruments; however, there are inherent weaknesses in any estimation technique. Therefore, for substantially all financial instruments, the fair value estimates herein are not necessarily indicative of the amounts the Company could have realized in a sale transaction on the dates indicated. The fair value amounts have been measured as of their respective year-ends, and have not been re-evaluated or updated for purposes of these financial statements subsequent to those respective dates. As such, the fair values of these financial instruments subsequent to the respective reporting dates may be different than the amounts reported at each year-end.

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In accordance with U.S. GAAP, the Company uses a hierarchical disclosure framework associated with the level of pricing observability utilized in measuring assets and liabilities at fair value. The three broad levels defined by the hierarchy are as follows:

Level I - Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities as of the reported date.

Level II - Pricing inputs are other than quoted prices in active markets, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reported date. The nature of these asset and liabilities include items for which quoted prices are available but traded less frequently, and items that are fair valued using other financial instruments, the parameters of which can be directly observed.

Level III - Assets and liabilities that have little to no pricing observability as of reported date. These items do not have two-way markets and are measured using management's best estimate of market participants' estimate of fair value, where the inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation.

The following table summarizes the fair value of the Company's financial assets measured on a recurring basis by the above pricing observability levels as of December 31, 2017 and 2016:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Fair Value Measurements	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level I)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level II)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level III)
<b>December 31, 2017</b>				
U.S. government agencies	\$ 18,861	\$ —	\$ 18,861	\$ —
U.S. government sponsored agency	6,061	—	6,061	—
State and political subdivisions	41,234	—	41,234	—
Mortgage-backed securities -				
U.S. government-sponsored enterprises	30,544	—	30,544	—
Corporate debt	2,030	—	2,030	—
Derivative instruments				
Interest rate swaps	1,451	—	1,451	—
<b>December 31, 2016</b>				
U.S. government agencies	\$ 13,087	\$ —	\$ 13,087	\$ —
State and political subdivisions	40,688	—	40,688	—
Mortgage-backed securities -				
U.S. government-sponsored enterprises	32,854	—	32,854	—
Corporate debt	1,982	—	1,982	—
Derivative instruments				
Interest rate swaps	1,647	—	1,647	—

The Company's available for sale securities portfolio contains investments which are all rated within the Company's investment policy guidelines; and upon review of the entire portfolio, all securities are marketable and have observable pricing inputs.

For assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis, the fair value measurements by level within the fair value hierarchy used at December 31, 2017 and 2016 are as follows:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<u>Fair Value Measurements</u>	<u>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level I)</u>	<u>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level II)</u>	<u>Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level III)</u>
<b>December 31, 2017</b>				
Impaired loans	\$ 1,794	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,794
Foreclosed real estate	568	—	—	\$ 568
<b>December 31, 2016</b>				
Impaired loans	\$ 1,001	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,001
Foreclosed real estate	1,716	—	—	\$ 1,716

The following table presents additional qualitative information about assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis and for which Level III inputs were used to determine fair value:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<u>Qualitative Information about Level III Fair Value Measurements</u>			
	<u>Fair Value Estimate</u>	<u>Valuation Techniques</u>	<u>Unobservable Input</u>	<u>Range (Weighted Average)</u>
<b>December 31, 2017</b>				
Impaired loans	\$ 1,794	Appraisal of collateral	Appraisal adjustments <sup>(1)</sup>	0% to -8.2% (-0.2%)
Foreclosed real estate	568	Appraisal of collateral	Selling expenses <sup>(1)</sup>	-7.0%(-7.0%)
<b>December 31, 2016</b>				
Impaired loans	\$ 1,001	Appraisal of collateral	Appraisal adjustments <sup>(1)</sup>	0% to -27.3% (-2.5%)
Foreclosed real estate	1,716	Appraisal of collateral	Selling expenses <sup>(1)</sup>	-7.0%(-7.0%)

(1) Appraisals may be adjusted by management for qualitative factors such as economic conditions and estimated selling expenses. The range and weighted average of selling expenses and other appraisal adjustments are presented as a percentage of the appraisal.

The following information should not be interpreted as an estimate of the fair value of the entire Company since a fair value calculation is only provided for a limited portion of the Company's assets and liabilities. Due to a wide range of valuation techniques and the degree of subjectivity used in making the estimates, comparisons between the Company's disclosures and those of other companies may not be meaningful. The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of the Company's financial instruments presented below at December 31, 2017 and 2016:

**Cash and Cash Equivalents (Carried at Cost):** The carrying amounts reported in the balance sheet for cash and cash equivalents approximate those assets' fair value.

**Deposits (Carried at Cost):** Fair value for fixed-rate time certificates of deposit are estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies interest rates currently being offered in the market on certificates to a schedule of aggregated expected monthly maturities on time deposits. The Company generally purchases amounts below the insured limit, limiting the amount of credit risk on these time deposits.

**Securities:** The fair value of securities, available for sale (carried at fair value) and securities held to maturity (carried at amortized cost) are determined by obtaining quoted market prices on nationally recognized securities exchanges (Level I), or matrix pricing (Level II), which is a mathematical technique used widely in the industry to value debt securities without relying exclusively on quoted market prices for the specific securities but rather by relying on the securities' relationship to other benchmark quoted prices. For certain securities which are not traded in active markets or are subject to transfer restrictions, valuations are adjusted to reflect illiquidity and/or non-transferability, and such adjustments are generally based on available market evidence (Level III). In the absence of such evidence, management's best estimate of market participants' estimate is used. Management's best estimate consists of both internal and external support on certain Level III measurements. Internal cash flow models using a present value formula that includes assumptions market participants would use along with indicative exit pricing obtained from broker/dealers (where available) were used to support fair values of certain Level III investments.

**Federal Home Loan Bank Stock (Carried at Cost):** The carrying amount of restricted investment in bank stock approximates fair value and considers the limited marketability of such securities.

**Loans Receivable (Carried at Cost):** The fair values of loans, other than collateral dependent impaired loans, are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, using the market rates at the balance sheet date that reflect the credit and interest rate-risk inherent in the loans. Projected future cash flows are calculated based upon contractual maturity or call dates, projected repayments and prepayments of principal. Generally, for variable rate loans that reprice frequently and with no significant change in credit risk, fair values are based on carrying values.

**Impaired Loans (Carried at Lower of Cost or Fair Value):** Fair value of impaired loans is generally determined based upon independent third-party appraisals of the properties, or discounted cash flows based upon the expected proceeds. These assets are included in Level III fair values, based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurements.

**Deposit Liabilities (Carried at Cost):** The fair values disclosed for demand, savings and money market accounts are, by definition, equal to the amount payable on demand at the reporting date (i.e., their carrying amounts). Fair values for fixed-rate certificates of deposit are estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies interest rates currently being offered in the market on certificates to a schedule of aggregated expected monthly maturities on time deposits.

**Borrowings (Carried at Cost):** Fair values of FHLB advances are estimated using discounted cash flow analysis, based on quoted prices for new FHLB advances with similar credit risk characteristics, terms and remaining maturity. These prices obtained from this active market represent a market value that is deemed to represent the transfer price if the liability were assumed by a third party.

**Derivatives (Carried at Fair Value):** The fair value of the Company's derivatives are determined using discounted cash flow analysis using observable market-based inputs, which are considered Level 2 inputs.

**Subordinated Debentures (Carried at Cost):** Fair values of subordinated debt are estimated using discounted cash flow analysis, based on market rates currently offered on such debt with similar credit risk characteristics, terms and remaining maturity.

**Accrued Interest Receivable and Accrued Interest Payable (Carried at Cost):** The carrying amounts of accrued interest receivable and payable approximate its fair value.

**Off-Balance Sheet Instruments (Disclosed at Cost):** Fair values for the Company's off-balance sheet financial instruments (lending commitments and letters of credit) are based on fees currently charged in the market to enter into similar agreements, taking into account, the remaining terms of the agreements and the counterparties' credit standing.

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The fair values of the Company's financial instruments at December 31, 2017 and 2016 were as follows:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>December 31, 2017</b>		<b>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level I)</b>	<b>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level II)</b>	<b>Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level III)</b>
	<b>Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>			
Financial assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,646	\$ 11,646	\$ 11,646	\$ —	\$ —
Time deposits with other banks	100	100	—	100	—
Securities available for sale	98,730	98,730	—	98,730	—
Securities held to maturity	5,304	5,430	—	5,430	—
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	4,925	4,925	—	4,925	—
Loans receivable, net of allowance	813,365	788,119	—	—	788,119
Accrued interest receivable	2,472	2,472	—	2,472	—
Interest rate swaps	1,451	1,451	—	1,451	—
Financial liabilities:					
Non-maturity deposits	563,694	563,694	—	563,694	—
Time deposits	198,797	197,549	—	197,549	—
Short-term borrowings	55,350	55,335	55,335	—	—
Long-term borrowings	35,000	34,761	—	34,761	—
Subordinated debentures	27,848	25,259	—	25,259	—
Accrued interest payable	470	470	—	470	—

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>December 31, 2016</b>		<b>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level I)</b>	<b>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level II)</b>	<b>Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level III)</b>
	<b>Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>			
Financial assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,638	\$ 14,638	\$ 14,638	\$ —	\$ —
Time deposits with other banks	100	100	—	100	—
Securities available for sale	88,611	88,611	—	88,611	—
Securities held to maturity	11,618	11,739	—	11,739	—
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	5,106	5,106	—	5,106	—
Loans receivable, net of allowance	688,561	672,912	—	—	672,912
Accrued interest receivable	2,058	2,058	—	2,058	—
Interest rate swaps	1,647	1,647	—	1,647	—
Financial liabilities:					
Non-maturity deposits	479,025	479,025	—	479,025	—
Time deposits	181,896	181,346	—	181,346	—
Short-term borrowings	29,805	29,805	29,805	—	—
Long-term borrowings	66,000	66,388	—	66,388	—
Subordinated debentures	27,840	24,519	—	24,519	—
Accrued interest payable	364	364	—	364	—



## NOTE 5 – SECURITIES

*Available for Sale*

The amortized cost and fair value of securities available for sale as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 are summarized as follows:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<u>Amortized Cost</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Gains</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Losses</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
<b>December 31, 2017</b>				
U.S. government agencies	\$ 18,799	\$ 90	\$ (28)	\$ 18,861
U.S. government sponsored agencies	6,054	8	(1)	6,061
State and political subdivisions	40,470	896	(132)	41,234
Mortgage-backed securities -				
U.S. government-sponsored enterprises	30,958	65	(479)	30,544
Corporate debt	2,000	30	—	2,030
	<u>\$ 98,281</u>	<u>\$ 1,089</u>	<u>\$ (640)</u>	<u>\$ 98,730</u>
<b>December 31, 2016</b>				
U.S. government agencies	\$ 13,115	\$ 29	\$ (57)	\$ 13,087
State and political subdivisions	41,255	203	(770)	40,688
Mortgage-backed securities -				
U.S. government-sponsored enterprises	33,483	126	(755)	32,854
Corporate debt	2,000	—	(18)	1,982
	<u>\$ 89,853</u>	<u>\$ 358</u>	<u>\$ (1,600)</u>	<u>\$ 88,611</u>

Securities with a carrying value of approximately \$17.3 million and \$34.3 million at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, were pledged to secure public deposits and for borrowings at the Federal Reserve Bank as required or permitted by applicable laws and regulations.

The amortized cost and fair value of securities available for sale at December 31, 2017 are shown below by contractual maturity. Actual maturities may differ from contractual maturities as issuers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties. Investments which pay principal on a periodic basis are not included in the maturity categories.

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<u>Amortized Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Due in one year or less	\$ —	\$ —
Due after one year through five years	—	—
Due after five years through ten years	4,953	4,957
Due after ten years	37,517	38,307
Total bonds and obligations	<u>42,470</u>	<u>43,264</u>
U.S. government agencies	18,799	18,861
U.S. government sponsored agencies	6,054	6,061
Mortgage-backed securities:		
U.S. government-sponsored enterprises	30,958	30,544
Total available for sale securities	<u>\$ 98,281</u>	<u>\$ 98,730</u>

Gross gains on sales of securities available for sale were \$339 thousand and \$476 thousand and gross losses were \$348 thousand and \$40 thousand for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

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*Temporarily Impaired Securities*

The following table shows our investments' gross unrealized losses and fair values with unrealized losses that are not deemed to be other than temporarily impaired, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual available for sale securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position, at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

	Less Than 12 Months		12 Months or More		Total	
	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>						
<b>December 31, 2017</b>						
U.S. government agencies	\$ 5,280	\$ (28)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 5,280	\$ (28)
U.S. government sponsored agencies	3,469	(1)	—	—	3,469	(1)
State and political subdivisions	5,212	(42)	3,701	(90)	8,913	(132)
Mortgage-backed securities -						
U.S. government-sponsored enterprises	8,403	(212)	12,935	(267)	21,338	(479)
Total temporarily impaired securities	<u>\$ 22,364</u>	<u>\$ (283)</u>	<u>\$ 16,636</u>	<u>\$ (357)</u>	<u>\$ 39,000</u>	<u>\$ (640)</u>
<b>December 31, 2016</b>						
U.S. government agencies	\$ 4,952	\$ (15)	\$ 2,126	\$ (42)	\$ 7,078	\$ (57)
State and political subdivisions	23,989	(770)	—	—	23,989	(770)
Mortgage-backed securities -						
U.S. government-sponsored enterprises	23,299	(752)	639	(3)	23,938	(755)
Corporate debt	1,982	(18)	—	—	1,982	(18)
Total temporarily impaired securities	<u>\$ 54,222</u>	<u>\$ (1,555)</u>	<u>\$ 2,765</u>	<u>\$ (45)</u>	<u>\$ 56,987</u>	<u>\$ (1,600)</u>

As of December 31, 2017, we reviewed our investment portfolio for indications of impairment. This review includes analyzing the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been lower than the cost, the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, including any specific events which may influence the operations of the issuer and the intent and likelihood of selling the security. The intent and likelihood of sale of debt securities is evaluated based upon our investment strategy for the particular type of security and our cash flow needs, liquidity position, capital adequacy and interest rate risk position. For each security (including but not limited to those whose fair value is less than their amortized cost basis), a review is conducted to determine if an other-than-temporary impairment has occurred.

*U.S. Government Agencies*

At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the decline in fair value and the unrealized losses for our U.S. government agencies securities were primarily due to changes in spreads and market conditions and not credit quality. At December 31, 2017, there were three securities with a fair value of \$5.3 million that had an unrealized loss that amounted to \$28 thousand. As of December 31, 2017, we did not intend to sell and it was not more-likely-than-not that we would be required to sell any of these securities before recovery of their amortized cost basis. Therefore, none of the U.S. government agency securities at December 31, 2017, were deemed to be other-than-temporarily impaired.

At December 31, 2016, there were five securities with a fair value of \$7.1 million that had an unrealized loss that amounted to \$57 thousand.

*U.S. Government Sponsored Agencies*

At December 31, 2017, the decline in fair value and the unrealized losses for our U.S. government sponsored agencies securities were primarily due to changes in spreads and market conditions and not credit quality. At December 31, 2017, there were two securities with a fair value of \$3.5 million that had an unrealized loss that amounted to \$1 thousand. As of December 31, 2017, we did not intend to sell and it was not more-likely-than-not that we would be required to sell any of these securities before recovery of their amortized cost basis. Therefore, none of the U.S. government sponsored agency securities at December 31, 2017, were deemed to be other-than-temporarily impaired.

*State and Political Subdivisions*

At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the decline in fair value and the unrealized losses for our state and political subdivisions securities were caused by changes in interest rates and spreads and were not the result of credit quality. At December 31, 2017, there were 9 securities with a fair value of \$8.9 million that had an unrealized loss that amounted to \$132 thousand. These securities typically have maturity dates greater than 10 years and the fair values are more sensitive to changes in market interest rates. As of December 31, 2017, we did not intend to sell and it was not more-likely-than-not that we would be required to sell any of these securities before recovery of their amortized cost basis. Therefore, none of our state and political subdivision securities at December 31, 2017, were deemed to be other-than-temporarily-impaired.

At December 31, 2016, there were 31 securities with a fair value of \$24.0 million that had an unrealized loss of \$770 thousand.

*Mortgage-Backed Securities*

At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the decline in fair value and the unrealized losses for our mortgage-backed securities guaranteed by U.S. government-sponsored enterprises were primarily due to changes in spreads and market conditions and not credit quality. At December 31, 2017, there were 16 securities with a fair value of \$21.3 million that had an unrealized loss of \$479 thousand. As of December 31, 2017, we did not intend to sell and it was not more-likely-than-not that we would be required to sell any of these securities before recovery of their amortized cost basis. Therefore, none of our mortgage-backed securities at December 31, 2017, were deemed to be other-than-temporarily-impaired.

At December 31, 2016, there were 16 securities with a fair value of \$23.9 million that had an unrealized loss of \$755 thousand.

*Corporate Debt*

At December 31, 2017, the change in fair value and the unrealized gains for our corporate debt was caused by changes in interest rates and spreads and were not the result of credit quality. At December 31, 2017, there were no securities with an unrealized loss. These securities typically have maturity dates greater than five years and the fair values are more sensitive to changes in market interest rates. As of December 31, 2017, we did not intend to sell and it was more-likely-than-not that we would be required to sell any of these securities before recovery of their amortized cost basis. Therefore, none of our corporate debt at December 31, 2017, were deemed to be other-than-temporarily-impaired.

At December 31, 2016, there was one security with a fair value \$2.0 million that had an unrealized loss of \$18 thousand.

*Held to Maturity Securities*

The amortized cost and fair value of securities held to maturity as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 are summarized as follows:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<u>Amortized Cost</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Gains</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Losses</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
<b>December 31, 2017</b>				
State and political subdivisions	\$ 5,304	\$ 127	\$ (1)	\$ 5,430
<b>December 31, 2016</b>				
State and political subdivisions	\$ 11,618	\$ 123	\$ (2)	\$ 11,739

During the twelve months ended December 31, 2017, the Company did not sell any securities out of its held to maturity portfolio.

During the twelve months ended December 31, 2016, the Company sold a security out of its held to maturity portfolio due to continued credit deterioration. The gross realized gain on the sale of the security was \$8 thousand for the twelve months ended December 31, 2016.

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The amortized cost and fair value of securities held to maturity at December 31, 2017 are shown below by contractual maturity. Actual maturities may differ from contractual maturities as issuers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
Due in one year or less	\$ 2,477	\$ 2,478
Due after one year through five years	254	254
Due after five years through ten years	2,040	2,136
Due after ten years	533	562
Total held to maturity securities	<u>\$ 5,304</u>	<u>\$ 5,430</u>

*Temporarily Impaired Securities*

The following table shows our held to maturity investments' gross unrealized losses and fair value with unrealized losses that are not deemed to be other than temporarily impaired, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual held to maturity securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position, at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>Less Than 12 Months</b>		<b>12 Months or More</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Losses</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Losses</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Losses</b>
<b>December 31, 2017</b>						
State and political subdivisions	\$ 254	\$ (1)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 254	\$ (1)
<b>December 31, 2016</b>						
State and political subdivisions	\$ 789	\$ (2)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 789	\$ (2)

As of December 31, 2017, we reviewed our held to maturity investment portfolio for indications of impairment. This review includes analyzing the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been lower than the cost, the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, including any specific events which may influence the operations of the issuer and the intent and likelihood of selling the security. The intent and likelihood of sale of debt securities is evaluated based upon our investment strategy for the particular type of security and our cash flow needs, liquidity position, capital adequacy and interest rate risk position. For each security whose fair value is less than their amortized cost basis, a review is conducted to determine if an other-than-temporary impairment has occurred.

*State and Political Subdivisions*

At December 31, 2017, there was one security with a fair value of \$254 thousand that had an unrealized loss of \$1 thousand. At December 31, 2017, the decline in fair value and the unrealized losses for our state and political subdivisions securities were caused by changes in interest rates and spreads and were not the result of credit quality. These securities typically have maturity dates greater than 10 years and the fair values are more sensitive to changes in market interest rates.

At December 31, 2016, there were two securities with a fair value \$789 thousand that had an unrealized loss of \$2 thousand.

## NOTE 6 – LOANS

The composition of net loans receivable at December 31, 2017 and 2016 is as follows:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Commercial and industrial loans	\$ 54,759	\$ 40,280
Construction	42,484	25,360
Commercial real estate	551,445	479,227
Residential real estate	171,844	150,237
Consumer and other	1,130	1,038
	821,662	696,142
Unearned net loan origination fees	(962)	(885)
Allowance for loan losses	(7,335)	(6,696)
Net loans receivable	<u>\$ 813,365</u>	<u>\$ 688,561</u>

Mortgage loans serviced for others are not included in the accompanying balance sheets. The total amount of loans serviced for the benefit of others was approximately \$239 thousand and \$249 thousand at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Mortgage servicing rights were immaterial at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

## NOTE 7 – ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES AND CREDIT QUALITY OF FINANCING RECEIVABLES

The following table presents changes in the allowance for loan losses disaggregated by the class of loans receivable for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Commercial and Industrial	Construction	Commercial Real Estate	Residential Real Estate	Consumer and Other	Unallocated	Total
<b>Year Ended:</b>							
<b>December 31, 2017</b>							
Beginning balance	\$ 110	\$ 359	\$ 3,932	\$ 899	\$ 19	\$ 1,377	\$ 6,696
Charge-offs	(13)	—	(874)	(49)	(37)	—	(973)
Recoveries	2	—	7	10	7	—	26
Provision	109	(23)	2,120	172	37	(829)	1,586
Ending balance	<u>\$ 208</u>	<u>\$ 336</u>	<u>\$ 5,185</u>	<u>\$ 1,032</u>	<u>\$ 26</u>	<u>\$ 548</u>	<u>\$ 7,335</u>
<b>December 31, 2016</b>							
Beginning balance	\$ 85	220	\$ 3,646	\$ 784	\$ 87	\$ 768	\$ 5,590
Charge-offs	(227)	—	(187)	(67)	(37)	—	(518)
Recoveries	268	—	37	21	7	—	333
Provision	(16)	139	436	161	(38)	609	1,291
Ending balance	<u>\$ 110</u>	<u>\$ 359</u>	<u>\$ 3,932</u>	<u>\$ 899</u>	<u>\$ 19</u>	<u>\$ 1,377</u>	<u>\$ 6,696</u>

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The following table presents the balance in the allowance of loan losses at December 31, 2017 and 2016 disaggregated on the basis of our impairment method by class of loans receivable along with the balance of loans receivable by class disaggregated on the basis of our impairment methodology:

	Allowance for Loan Losses			Loans Receivable		
	Balance	Balance Related to Loans Individually Evaluated for Impairment	Balance Related to Loans Collectively Evaluated for Impairment	Balance	Individually Evaluated for Impairment	Collectively Evaluated for Impairment
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>						
<b>December 31, 2017</b>						
Commercial and industrial	\$ 208	\$ —	\$ 208	\$ 54,759	\$ 20	\$ 54,739
Construction	336	—	336	42,484	—	42,484
Commercial real estate	5,185	28	5,157	551,445	4,763	546,682
Residential real estate	1,032	10	1,022	171,844	2,064	169,780
Consumer and other loans	26	—	26	1,130	—	1,130
Unallocated	548	—	—	—	—	—
Total	<u>\$ 7,335</u>	<u>\$ 38</u>	<u>\$ 6,749</u>	<u>\$ 821,662</u>	<u>\$ 6,847</u>	<u>\$ 814,815</u>
<b>December 31, 2016</b>						
Commercial and industrial	\$ 110	\$ 14	\$ 96	\$ 40,280	\$ 33	\$ 40,247
Construction	359	—	359	25,360	—	25,360
Commercial real estate	3,932	135	3,797	479,227	4,597	474,630
Residential real estate	899	6	893	150,237	1,967	148,270
Consumer and other loans	19	—	19	1,038	—	1,038
Unallocated	1,377	—	—	—	—	—
Total	<u>\$ 6,696</u>	<u>\$ 155</u>	<u>\$ 5,164</u>	<u>\$ 696,142</u>	<u>\$ 6,597</u>	<u>\$ 689,545</u>

An age analysis of loans receivable which were past due as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 is as follows:

	Age Analysis			Total Past Due	Current	Total Financing Receivables	Recorded Investment > 90 Days and Accruing
	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 days Past Due	Greater Than 90 Days (a)				
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>							
<b>December 31, 2017</b>							
Commercial and industrial	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 54,739	\$ 54,759	\$ —
Construction	—	—	105	105	42,379	42,484	—
Commercial real estate	4,935	126	4,314	9,374	542,071	551,445	—
Residential real estate	1,304	122	1,581	3,007	168,837	171,844	—
Consumer and other	8	1	—	9	1,121	1,130	—
Total	<u>\$ 6,247</u>	<u>\$ 249</u>	<u>\$ 6,020</u>	<u>\$ 12,515</u>	<u>\$ 809,147</u>	<u>\$ 821,662</u>	<u>\$ —</u>
<b>December 31, 2016</b>							
Commercial and industrial	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 137	\$ 137	\$ 40,143	\$ 40,280	\$ 104
Construction	—	—	309	309	25,051	25,360	309
Commercial real estate	84	719	4,103	4,906	474,321	479,227	55
Residential real estate	786	247	1,752	2,785	147,452	150,237	—
Consumer and other	4	—	—	4	1,034	1,038	—
Total	<u>\$ 874</u>	<u>\$ 966</u>	<u>\$ 6,301</u>	<u>\$ 8,141</u>	<u>\$ 688,001</u>	<u>\$ 696,142</u>	<u>\$ 468</u>

(a) includes loans greater than 90 days past due and still accruing and non-accrual loans.

Loans for which the accrual of interest has been discontinued at December 31, 2017 and 2016 were:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Commercial and industrial	\$ 20	\$ 33
Commercial real estate	105	4,048
Residential real estate	4,314	1,752
Consumer and other	1,581	—
Total	<u>\$ 6,020</u>	<u>\$ 5,833</u>

Loans are made to individuals as well as commercial entities. Specific loan terms vary as to interest rate, repayment, and collateral requirements based on the type of loan requested and the credit worthiness of the prospective borrower. Credit risk tends to be geographically concentrated in that a majority of the loan customers are located in the markets serviced by the Company. Loan performance may be adversely affected by factors impacting the general economy or conditions specific to the real estate market such as geographic location and/or property type. A description of the Company's different loan segments follows:

*Commercial Loans:* Commercial credit is extended primarily to middle market and small business customers. Commercial loans are generally made in the Company's market place for the purpose of providing working capital, financing the purchase of equipment, inventory or commercial real estate and for other business purposes. Loans will generally be guaranteed in full or for a meaningful amount by the businesses' major owners. Underwriting of commercial loans is based primarily on the historical and projected cash flow of the business and secondarily on the underlying collateral provided.

*Residential Mortgage and Consumer Loans:* The Company originates mortgage and consumer loans including principally residential real estate and home equity lines and loans. Each loan type is evaluated on debt to income, type of collateral and loan to collateral value, credit history and Company relationship with the borrower.

In determining the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses, the Company estimates losses based on the identification of specific problem loans through its credit review process and also estimates losses inherent in other loans on an aggregate basis by loan type. The credit review process includes the independent evaluation of the loan officer assigned risk ratings by the Chief Credit Officer and a third party loan review company. Such risk ratings are assigned loss component factors that reflect the Company's loss estimate for each group of loans. It is management's and the board of directors' responsibility to oversee the lending process to ensure that all credit risks are properly identified, monitored, and controlled, and that loan pricing, terms, and other safeguards against non-performance and default are commensurate with the level of risk undertaken and is rated as such based on a risk-rating system. Factors considered in assigning risk ratings and loss component factors include: borrower specific information related to expected future cash flows and operating results, collateral values, financial condition, payment status and other information; levels of and trends in portfolio charge-offs and recoveries; levels in portfolio delinquencies; effects of changes in loan concentrations and observed trends in the economy and other qualitative measurements.

The Company's risk-rating system as defined below is consistent with the system used by regulatory agencies and consistent with industry practices. Loan classifications of Substandard, Doubtful or Loss are consistent with the regulatory definitions of classified assets.

Pass: This category represents loans performing to contractual terms and conditions and the primary source of repayment is adequate to meet the obligation. The Company has five categories within the Pass classification depending on strength of repayment sources, collateral values and financial condition of the borrower.

Special Mention: This category represents loans performing to contractual terms and conditions; however the primary source of repayment or the borrower is exhibiting some deterioration or weaknesses in financial condition that could potentially threaten the borrowers' future ability to repay our loan principal and interest or fees due.

Substandard: This category represents loans that the primary source of repayment has significantly deteriorated or weakened which has or could threaten the borrowers' ability to make scheduled payments. The weaknesses require close supervision by the Company's management and there is a distinct possibility that the Company could sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected. Such weaknesses could jeopardize the timely and ultimate collection of our loan principal and interest or fees due. Loss may not be expected or evident, however, loan repayment is inadequately supported by current financial information or pledged collateral.

**Doubtful:** Loans so classified have all the inherent weaknesses of a substandard loan with the added provision that collection or liquidation in full is highly questionable and not reasonably assured. The probability of at least partial loss is high, but extraneous factors might strengthen the asset to prevent loss. The validity of the extraneous factors must be continuously monitored. Once these factors are questionable the loan should be considered for full or partial charge-off.

**Loss:** Loans so classified are considered uncollectible, and of such little value that their continuance as active assets of the Company is not warranted. Such loans are fully charged off.

The following tables illustrate the Company's corporate credit risk profile by creditworthiness category as of December 31, 2017 and 2016:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Special Mention</b>	<b>Substandard</b>	<b>Doubtful</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>December 31, 2017</b>					
Commercial and industrial	\$ 54,405	\$ 189	\$ 165	\$ —	\$ 54,759
Construction	42,379	105	—	—	\$ 42,484
Commercial real estate	537,636	3,508	10,301	—	\$ 551,445
Residential real estate	169,395	228	2,221	—	\$ 171,844
Consumer and other	1,130	—	—	—	\$ 1,130
	<u>\$ 804,945</u>	<u>\$ 4,030</u>	<u>\$ 12,687</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 821,662</u>
<b>December 31, 2016</b>					
Commercial and industrial	\$ 40,247	\$ —	\$ 33	\$ —	\$ 40,280
Construction	25,360	—	—	—	\$ 25,360
Commercial real estate	463,889	7,461	7,877	—	\$ 479,227
Residential real estate	147,526	584	2,127	—	\$ 150,237
Consumer and other	1,038	—	—	—	\$ 1,038
	<u>\$ 678,060</u>	<u>\$ 8,045</u>	<u>\$ 10,037</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 696,142</u>



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The following table reflects information regarding the Company's impaired loans as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 and for the years then ended:

*(Dollars in thousands)*

	<u>Recorded Investment</u>	<u>Unpaid Principal Balance</u>	<u>Related Allowance</u>	<u>Average Recorded Investment</u>	<u>Interest Income Recognized</u>
<b>December 31, 2017</b>					
With no related allowance recorded:					
Commercial and industrial	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ —	\$ 20	\$ —
Commercial real estate	3,834	4,158	—	3,217	31
Residential real estate	1,844	1,877	—	1,731	20
With an allowance recorded:					
Commercial and industrial	—	—	—	3	—
Commercial real estate	929	1,392	28	1,557	8
Residential real estate	220	223	10	191	1
Consumer and other	—	—	—	—	—
Total:					
Commercial and industrial	20	20	—	23	—
Commercial real estate	4,763	5,550	28	4,774	39
Residential real estate	2,064	2,100	10	1,922	21
Consumer and other	—	—	—	—	—
	<u>\$ 6,847</u>	<u>\$ 7,670</u>	<u>\$ 38</u>	<u>\$ 6,719</u>	<u>\$ 60</u>

*(Dollars in thousands)*

	<u>Recorded Investment</u>	<u>Unpaid Principal Balance</u>	<u>Related Allowance</u>	<u>Average Recorded Investment</u>	<u>Interest Income Recognized</u>
<b>December 31, 2016</b>					
With no related allowance recorded:					
Commercial and industrial	\$ 19	\$ 19	\$ —	\$ 19	\$ —
Commercial real estate	2,324	2,324	—	2,244	16
Residential real estate	1,604	1,629	—	1,271	9
With an allowance recorded:					
Commercial and industrial	14	14	14	3	—
Commercial real estate	2,273	2,364	135	2,492	32
Residential real estate	363	363	6	298	—
Consumer and other	—	—	—	55	—
Total:					
Commercial and industrial	33	33	14	22	—
Commercial real estate	4,597	4,688	135	4,736	48
Residential real estate	1,967	1,992	6	1,569	9
Consumer and other	—	—	—	55	—
	<u>\$ 6,597</u>	<u>\$ 6,713</u>	<u>\$ 155</u>	<u>\$ 6,382</u>	<u>\$ 57</u>

The average recorded investment in impaired loans is calculated using the average of impaired loans over the past five quarter-end periods. The Company recognizes income on impaired loans by recording all payments as a reduction of principal on such loans.

Impaired loans include loans modified in TDRs where concessions have been granted to borrowers experiencing financial difficulties. These concessions could include a reduction in the interest rate on the loan, payment extensions, postponement or forgiveness of principal, forbearance or other actions intended to maximize collection.

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The following table presents the recorded investment in troubled debt restructured loans as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 based on payment performance status:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>Commercial Real Estate</b>	<b>Residential Real Estate</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>December 31, 2017</b>			
Performing	\$ 449	\$ 483	\$ 932
Non-performing	1,594	242	1,836
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,043</b>	<b>\$ 725</b>	<b>\$ 2,768</b>
<b>December 31, 2016</b>			
Performing	\$ 550	\$ 129	\$ 679
Non-performing	2,258	—	2,258
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,808</b>	<b>\$ 129</b>	<b>\$ 2,937</b>

Troubled debt restructured loans are considered impaired and are included in the previous impaired loans disclosures in this footnote. As of December 31, 2017, we have not committed to lend additional amounts to customers with outstanding loans that are classified as TDRs.

There were three TDRs with an outstanding balance of \$615 thousand that occurred during the year ended December 31, 2017. There were no TDRs that occurred during the year ended December 31, 2016. The following tables summarize TDRs that occurred during the year ended December 31, 2017.

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>Number of Loans</b>	<b>Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment</b>	<b>Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment</b>
<b>December 31, 2017</b>			
Residential real estate	3	\$ 637	\$ 615

The TDRs described above did not require an allocation of the allowance for credit losses, nor were any charge-offs recorded subsequent to modification during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

There was one TDRs with an outstanding balance of \$242 thousand for which there were payment defaults within twelve months following the date of the restructuring for the year ended December 31, 2017.

There were two TDRs for which there was a payment default within twelve months following the date of the restructuring for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Loans are considered to be in payment default once they are greater than 30 days contractually past due under the modified terms. There were no charge-offs on defaulted TDRs during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

**NOTE 8 – PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT**

The components of premises and equipment at December 31, 2017 and 2016 are as follows:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Land and land improvements	\$ 1,740	\$ 2,054
Building and building improvements	6,744	5,953
Leasehold improvements	2,182	2,182
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	6,048	5,887
Assets in progress	172	125
	<u>16,886</u>	<u>16,201</u>
Accumulated depreciation	(8,497)	(7,473)
Premises and equipment, net	<u>\$ 8,389</u>	<u>\$ 8,728</u>

During the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, depreciation expense totaled \$1.1 million and \$1.1 million, respectively.

**NOTE 9 – DEPOSITS**

The components of deposits at December 31, 2017 and 2016 are as follows:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Demand, non-interest bearing	\$ 146,167	\$ 132,434
Savings, money market and interest-bearing demand	417,527	346,591
Time deposits less than \$100 thousand	84,299	74,150
Time deposits \$100 thousand and over	114,498	107,746
Total deposits	<u>\$ 762,491</u>	<u>\$ 660,921</u>

Included in time deposits at December 31, 2017 and 2016, were brokered deposits of \$130.6 million and \$84.6 million, respectively.

At December 31, 2017, the scheduled maturities of time deposits are as follows:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	
Within one year	\$ 151,437
One to two years	19,510
Two to three years	5,026
Three to four years	14,847
After four years	7,977
	<u>\$ 198,797</u>

Certificates of deposits with balances of \$250 thousand or more at December 31, 2017 and 2016, totaled approximately \$41.0 million and \$48.6 million, respectively.

**NOTE 10 – BORROWINGS**

At December 31, 2017, the Bank had secured borrowing potential with the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York (“FHLBNY”) for borrowings of up to \$189.7 million and a \$10.0 million line of credit at Atlantic Central Bankers Bank (“ACBB”). The borrowings at the FHLBNY are secured by a pledge of qualifying residential and commercial mortgage loans, having an aggregate unpaid principal balance of approximately \$189.7 million. At December 31, 2017, the Bank had the ability to borrow up to \$113.7 million at FHLBNY and \$10.0 million at ACBB.

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At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Company had \$55.4 million and \$29.8 million, respectively, in short term advances at the FHLB NY, having weighted average interest rates of 1.58% and 0.79%, respectively. These advances are priced at the federal funds rate plus a spread (generally between 20 and 30 basis points), re-price daily and mature within three months.

At December 31, 2016, the Company had \$5.0 million line of credit at Atlantic Community Bankers Bank that bears interest at the rate of floating prime plus 50 basis points with a maturity date of September 28, 2017. This line of credit is included in long term borrowings.

At December 31, 2017 and 2016 the Bank had the following long-term borrowings:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			<b>Balance at December 31,</b>	
<b>Maturity Date</b>	<b>Borrowing Institution</b>	<b>Interest Rate</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
June 21, 2017	FHLB NY	4.60%	\$ —	\$ 6,000
October 1, 2017	ACBB	Prime + 50bps (4.25%)	—	5,000
November 3, 2017	FHLB NY	1.31%	—	5,000
December 7, 2017	FHLB NY	3.97%	—	5,000
December 26, 2017	FHLB NY	3.66%	—	5,000
December 26, 2017	FHLB NY	3.79%	—	5,000
January 16, 2018	FHLB NY	1.18%	5,000	5,000
July 17, 2018	FHLB NY	1.65%	5,000	5,000
September 19, 2018	FHLB NY	1.83%	5,000	5,000
January 20, 2021	FHLB NY	2.07%	5,000	5,000
February 4, 2019	FHLB NY	1.53%	5,000	5,000
January 15, 2020	FHLB NY	1.66%	5,000	5,000
October 5, 2020	FHLB NY	1.78%	5,000	5,000
			<u>\$ 35,000</u>	<u>\$ 66,000</u>

Maturities of long-term debt in years subsequent to December 31, 2017 are as follows:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	
Within one year	\$ 15,000
One to two years	5,000
Two to three years	10,000
Three to four years	5,000
Four to five years	—
After five years	—
	<u>\$ 35,000</u>

At December 31, 2017 the Company had \$35.0 million in long-term fixed rate advances.

### **NOTE 11 – DERIVATIVES**

The Company's objectives in using interest rate derivatives are to add stability to interest expense and to manage its exposure to interest rate movements. To accomplish this objective, the Company primarily uses interest rate swaps as part of its interest rate risk management strategy. Interest rate swaps designated as cash flow hedges involve the receipt of variable amounts from a counterparty in exchange for the Company making fixed-rate payments over the life of the agreements without exchange of the underlying notional amount.

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives designated and that qualify as cash flow hedges are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income and are subsequently reclassified into earnings in the period that the hedged forecasted transaction affects earnings. During the year ended December 31, 2017 such derivatives were used to hedge the variable cash outflows associated with four FHLB borrowings totaling \$26.0 million. In addition, during the quarter ended March 31, 2016, the Company entered into an interest rate swap agreement to hedge its \$12.5 million variable rate (3 Mo Libor + 1.44%) subordinated debt issued by Sussex Capital Trust II, a non-consolidated wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, for 10 years at a fixed rate

of 3.10%. The ineffective portion of the change in fair value of the derivatives is recognized directly in earnings. The Company implemented this program during the quarter ended March 31, 2016.

During the twelve months ended December 31, 2017 the Company did not record any hedge ineffectiveness.

The table below presents the fair value of the Company's derivative financial instruments as well as their classification on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition at December 31, 2017 and 2016:

	<b>December 31, 2017</b>			
	<b>Notional/ Contract Amount</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Balance Sheet Location</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
<b>Derivatives designated as hedging instruments</b>				
<b>Interest rate swaps by effective date:</b>				
March 15, 2016	\$ 12,500	\$ 610	Other Assets	2026-03-15
December 15, 2016	5,000	161	Other Assets	2026-12-15
June 15, 2017	6,000	170	Other Assets	2027-06-15
December 15, 2017	10,000	352	Other Assets	2027-12-15
December 15, 2017	5,000	158	Other Assets	2027-12-15
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 38,500</b>	<b>\$ 1,451</b>		

	<b>December 31, 2016</b>			
	<b>Notional/ Contract Amount</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Balance Sheet Location</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
<b>Derivatives designated as hedging instruments</b>				
<b>Interest rate swaps by effective date:</b>				
March 15, 2016	\$ 12,500	\$ 629	Other Assets	2026-03-15
December 15, 2016	5,000	163	Other Assets	2026-12-15
June 15, 2017	6,000	201	Other Assets	2027-06-15
December 15, 2017	10,000	448	Other Assets	2027-12-15
December 15, 2017	5,000	206	Other Assets	2027-12-15
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 38,500</b>	<b>\$ 1,647</b>		

The table below presents the Company's derivative financial instruments that are designated as cash flow hedgers of interest rate risk and their effect on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Financial Conditions during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016:

<b>Year Ended December 31, 2017</b>			
	<b>Amount of Gain Recognized in OCI on Derivatives, net of Tax (Effective Portion)</b>	<b>Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income of Derivatives (Ineffective Portion)</b>	<b>Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income of Derivatives (Ineffective Portion)</b>
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			
<b>Derivatives in cash flow hedges Interest rate swaps by effective date:</b>			
March 15, 2016	\$	(11) Not applicable	\$ —
December 15, 2016		(1) Not applicable	—
June 15, 2017		(19) Not applicable	—
December 15, 2017		(57) Not applicable	—
December 15, 2017		(29) Not applicable	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(117)</b>	<b>\$ —</b>

<b>Year Ended December 31, 2016</b>			
	<b>Amount of Gain Recognized in OCI on Derivatives, net of Tax (Effective Portion)</b>	<b>Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income of Derivatives (Ineffective Portion)</b>	<b>Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income of Derivatives (Ineffective Portion)</b>
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			
<b>Derivatives in cash flow hedges Interest rate swaps by effective date:</b>			
March 15, 2016	\$	377 Not applicable	\$ —
December 15, 2016		98 Not applicable	—
June 15, 2017		120 Not applicable	—
December 15, 2017		269 Not applicable	—
December 15, 2017		124 Not applicable	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>\$ —</b>

As required under the master netting arrangement with its derivatives counterparties, the Company received financial collateral in the amount of \$1.2 million and \$2.2 million at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

Amounts reported in accumulated other comprehensive income related to derivatives are reclassified to interest expense as interest payments are made on the Company's variable rate borrowing positions. During the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Company had \$124 thousand and \$69 thousand, respectively, of reclassifications to interest expense. During the next twelve months, the Company estimates that \$111 thousand will be reclassified to interest expense.

**NOTE 12 – SUBORDINATED DEBENTURES AND MANDATORY REDEEMABLE CAPITAL DEBENTURES**

On June 28, 2007, Sussex Capital Trust II, a Delaware statutory business trust and a non-consolidated wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, issued \$12.5 million of variable rate capital trust pass-through securities to investors. Sussex Capital Trust II purchased \$12.9 million of variable rate subordinated deferrable interest debentures from the Company. The debentures are the sole asset of the Trust. The terms of the subordinated debentures are the same as the terms of the capital securities. The Company has also fully and unconditionally guaranteed the obligations of the Trust under the capital securities. The variable interest rate reprices quarterly at the three month LIBOR plus 1.44% and was 3.03% and 2.4% at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The capital securities are currently redeemable by the Company at par in whole or in part. The capital securities must be redeemed upon final maturity of the subordinated debentures on September 15, 2037.

During the quarter ended December 31, 2016, the Company completed a \$15 million private placement of fixed-to-floating rate subordinated notes to an institutional investor. The subordinated notes have a maturity date of December 22, 2026 and bear interest at the rate of 5.75% per annum, payable quarterly, for the first five years of the term, and then at a variable rate that will reset quarterly to a level equal to the then current 3-month LIBOR plus 350 basis points over the remainder of the term. The notes are redeemable after five years subject to satisfaction of certain conditions. The indebtedness evidenced by the subordinated notes, including principal and interest, is unsecured and subordinate and junior to general and secured creditors and depositors.

**NOTE 13 – LEASE COMMITMENTS AND TOTAL RENTAL EXPENSE**

The Company has operating lease agreements expiring in various years through 2028. The Company has the option to extend the lease agreements for additional lease terms. The Company is responsible to pay all real estate taxes, insurance, utilities and maintenance and repairs on its leased facilities.

Future minimum payments under non-cancellable leases by year are as follows as of December 31, 2017:

*(Dollars in thousands)*

2018	\$ 739
2019	577
2020	171
2021	76
2022	45
Thereafter	452
	<u>\$ 2,060</u>

Rent expense was \$630 thousand and \$663 thousand for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

**NOTE 14 – EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS**

The Company has a 401(k) Plan and Trust (the “401(k) Plan”) for its employees. Non-highly compensated employees may contribute up to the statutory limit of 75% of their salary to the 401(k) Plan. Highly compensated employees are restricted to a contribution up to 7% of their salary. The Company provides a 50% match of the employee's contribution up to 6% of the employee's annual salary. The amount charged to expense related to the 401(k) Plan for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 was \$153 thousand and \$141 thousand, respectively.

The Company also maintains nonqualified Supplemental Salary Continuation Plans (the “Supplemental Plans”) covering the Company's former Chairman and a former executive officer of the Company. Under the provisions of the Supplemental Plans, the Company has executed agreements providing the officers a retirement benefit. Payments from the Supplemental Plans for the Chairman began in May of 2008 and the other executive started in April of 2010. For the years ended December 31, 2017 and

2016, \$46 thousand and \$52 thousand, respectively, were charged to expense in connection with the Plans. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the carrying value of the Supplemental Plans was \$632 thousand and \$716 thousand, respectively.

In March of 2005, the Board of Directors approved an Executive Incentive and Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Incentive Plan"). The purpose of the Incentive Plan is to motivate and reward participants for achieving bank financial and strategic goals as well as to provide specified benefits to a select group of management or highly compensated employees who contribute materially to the continued growth, development and future business success of the Company. Participants may elect to receive their award or defer compensation in a deferral account which will earn interest at the average interest rate earned by the Company in its investment portfolio, compounded monthly. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the carrying value of deferred compensation was \$218 thousand and \$199 thousand, respectively.

In July 2006, the Board of Directors adopted a Director Deferred Compensation Agreement for both the Bank and the Company (the "DCA"). Under the terms of the DCA, a director may elect to defer all or a portion of his retainer and fees for the coming year. Under the DCA, only the payment of the compensation earned is deferred, and there is no deferral of the expense in the Company's financial statements related to the participant's deferred compensation, which will be charged to the Company's income statement as an expense in the period in which the participant earned the compensation. The deferred amounts are credited with earnings at a rate equal to the average interest rate earned by the Company on its investment portfolio or at a rate that tracks the performance of the Company's common stock. In September 2015, the Board of Directors adopted an amendment under the DCA. The amendment, which is effective October 1, 2015, specifies that participants are no longer eligible to be credited earnings based on a rate that tracks the performance of the Company's common stock on new amounts deferred after such date. Additionally, effective January 1, 2016, the maximum earnings on deferred compensation amounts that are eligible to be credited with an earnings rate that tracks the performance of the Company's common stock is limited to 10% of the stock price at end of the previous plan year. In June 2016, the Board of Directors adopted an amendment to the DCA which supersedes the prior amendment from September 2015. The amendment, effective July 1, 2016, allows the Company's Directors to elect to defer part or all of their fees into a stock account, consisting of the Company's common stock, which is administered through a rabbi trust. The Company is responsible for submitting each Director's deferral to the trustee of the rabbi trust to be used for the purchase of the Company's common stock. Distributions from the Director's stock account shall be made in the same medium, the Company's common stock. The participant's benefit will be distributed to the participant or his beneficiary upon a change in control of the Company, the termination of the DCA, the occurrence of an unforeseeable emergency, the termination of service or the participant's death or disability. Upon distribution, a participant's benefit will be paid in monthly installments over a period of ten years. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the liability for the DCA was \$24 thousand and \$36 thousand, respectively. The DCA liability of \$24 thousand at December 31, 2017, consisted entirely of amounts deferred under the interest rate earnings election; the liability of \$36 thousand at December 31, 2016, consisted entirely of amounts deferred under the interest rate earnings election. During 2016, the amounts deferred under the common stock performance election were transferred into the stock account administered through the Rabbi Trust. In conjunction with the DCA, at December 31, 2017, 93,977 shares of Company common stock were held in the Rabbi Trust.

In July 2011, the Company entered into a Supplemental Executive Retirement Agreement ("SERP"), a non-qualified defined contribution pension plan that provides supplemental retirement income for the Company's Chief Executive Officer. The SERP was effective as of January 1, 2011. Based on the attainment of certain annual performance targets, the Company will make annual contributions to the SERP. Any amounts credited to the SERP will accrue interest equal to that paid by U.S. 10-year Treasury Notes for each applicable year. The SERP provides for the benefits to be paid monthly over a 5-year period commencing the first day of the month following the later of the participant's 65th birthday, or normal retirement age, or termination of employment. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the carrying value of the SERP was \$426 thousand and \$329 thousand, respectively.

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**NOTE 15 – COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

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Accounting principles generally require that recognized revenue, expenses, gains and losses be included in net income. Although certain changes in assets and liabilities, such as unrealized gains and losses on available for sale securities, are reported as a separate component of the equity section of the balance sheet, such items, along with net income, are components of comprehensive income.



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The components of other comprehensive income (loss), both before tax and net of tax, are as follows:

	Year Ended December 31, 2017			Year Ended December 31, 2016		
	Before Tax	Tax Effect	Net of Tax	Before Tax	Tax Effect	Net of Tax
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>						
Other comprehensive (loss) income:						
Fair value adjustments on derivatives	\$ (196)	\$ (78)	\$ (118)	\$ 1,647	\$ 659	\$ 988
Unrealized gains on available for sale securities	1,682	672	1,010	(950)	(380)	(570)
Reclassification adjustment for net loss (gains) on securities transactions included in net income	9	4	5	(436)	(175)	(261)
Total other comprehensive income	<u>\$ 1,495</u>	<u>\$ 598</u>	<u>\$ 897</u>	<u>\$ 261</u>	<u>\$ 104</u>	<u>\$ 157</u>

Reclassification adjustments for loss (gains) on securities transactions of \$9 thousand and \$(436) thousand for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, are presented in the income statement within the line item for net gain on securities transactions.

The other components of accumulated other comprehensive income included in stockholders' equity at December 31, 2017 and 2016 are as follows:

	2017	2016
Unrealized gain (loss) on available for sale investments	\$ 270	\$ (745)
Unrealized gain on derivative instruments	870	988
Reclassification due to the adoption of ASU 2018-02	247	—
Accumulated other comprehensive income	<u>\$ 1,387</u>	<u>\$ 243</u>

## NOTE 16 – EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following table sets forth the computations of basic and diluted earnings per share:

<i>(In thousands, except share and per share data)</i>	<u>Income (Numerator)</u>	<u>Shares (Denominator)</u>	<u>Per Share Amount</u>
Year Ended December 31, 2017:			
Shares Outstanding (weighted average)		5,359,430	
Shares held by Rabbi Trust		93,977	
Share liability under deferred compensation agreement		<u>(93,977)</u>	
Basic earnings per share:			
Net earnings applicable to common stockholders	\$ 5,691	5,359,430	<u>\$ 1.06</u>
Effect of dilutive securities:			
Unvested stock awards	<u>—</u>	<u>44,951</u>	
Diluted earnings per share:			
Net income applicable to common stockholders and assumed conversions	\$ 5,691	5,404,381	<u>\$ 1.05</u>
Year Ended December 31, 2016:			
Shares Outstanding (weighted average)		4,619,124	
Shares held by Rabbi Trust		96,736	
Share liability under deferred compensation agreement		<u>(96,736)</u>	
Basic earnings per share:			
Net earnings applicable to common stockholders	\$ 5,523	4,619,124	<u>\$ 1.20</u>
Effect of dilutive securities:			
Unvested stock awards	<u>—</u>	<u>31,984</u>	
Diluted earnings per share:			
Net income applicable to common stockholders and assumed conversions	\$ 5,523	4,651,108	<u>\$ 1.19</u>

There were 13,317 and 36,761 shares of unvested restricted stock awards and options outstanding during December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, that were not included in the computation of diluted EPS because to do so would have been anti-dilutive for the periods presented.

## NOTE 17 – STOCK INCENTIVE PLANS

During 2005, the stockholders approved the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan (the “2004 Plan”) to provide equity incentives to selected persons. Awards may be granted to employees, officers, directors, consultants and advisors of the Company or subsidiary. Awards granted under the 2004 Plan may be either stock options or restricted stock awards and are designated at the time of grant. Options granted under the 2004 Plan to directors, consultants and advisors are non-qualified stock options. Options granted to officers and other employees may be incentive stock options or non-qualified stock options. Restricted stock awards may be made to any plan participant. As of December 31, 2017, there were no authorized shares available for future grants under the 2004 Plan.

During 2013, the stockholders approved the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (the “2013 Plan”) to provide equity incentives to selected persons. Awards may be granted to employees, officers, directors, consultants and advisors of the Company or subsidiary. Awards granted under the 2013 Plan may be either stock options or restricted stock awards and are designated at the time of grant. Restricted stock awards may be made to any plan participant. As of December 31, 2017, there were 82,229 shares available for future grants under the 2013 Plan.

Information regarding the Company's restricted stock grants activity for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 are as follows:

	2017		2016	
	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Unvested restricted stock, beginning of year	80,743	\$ 10.51	93,570	\$ 7.67
Granted	53,554	22.02	42,167	12.92
Forfeited	(4,057)	12.58	(6,579)	10.99
Vested	(44,479)	9.09	(48,415)	7.05
Unvested restricted stock, end of period	85,761	\$ 18.34	80,743	\$ 10.51

Total stock-based compensation related to restricted stock awards was \$660 thousand and \$365 thousand for the years ended December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, there were \$918 thousand and \$571 thousand, respectively, of unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested restricted stock awards which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 2.2 years and 1.5 years.

Options granted to officers and other employees and which are incentive stock options, are subject to limitations under Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code. The option price under each such grant shall not be less than the fair market value on the date of the grant. No option will be granted for a term in excess of ten years. The Company established a vesting schedule that must be satisfied before the options may be exercised.

Stock option transactions under all plans are summarized as follows:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price per Share	Weighted Average Contractual Term	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding, December 31, 2015	51,985	\$ 10.06		
Options granted	26,216	12.83		
Options expired	(8,629)	10.12		
Options exercised	(449)	10.25		
Outstanding, December 31, 2016	69,123	11.10		
Options granted	—	—		
Options expired	—	—		
Options exercised	—	—		
Outstanding, December 31, 2017	69,123	\$ 11.10	7.4	\$ 1,088,765
Exercisable, December 31, 2017	28,805	\$ 10.53	7.1	\$ 470,012

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding and exercisable at December 31, 2017:

Exercise Price	Number Outstanding	Weighted Average Remaining Life (Years)	Number Exercisable
9.97	32,000	6.9	19,200
10.25	10,907	7.1	4,362
12.83	26,216	8.2	5,243
	69,123	8.4	28,805

There were no options exercised in 2017. The aggregate intrinsic value of options exercised in 2016 was \$1 thousand.

The following table summarizes information about stock option assumptions:

	<b>2016</b>
Expected dividend yield	1.25%
Expected volatility	22.72%
Risk-free interest rate	1.71%
Expected option life	7.50

The expected dividend yield is based on the Company's current common stock dividend rate divided by the closing price of the Company shares at the grant date. The expected volatility is based on the closing common stock price of the Company shares over a 5 year period. The assumed risk-free interest rate is based on the US Treasury note rate for a term equivalent to the expected option life at the time of the option grant. The expected life of options amount is estimated as the mid-point between the vesting period and the expiration date of the options granted.

Total stock-based compensation related to stock options was \$49 thousand and \$46 thousand for the year ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

There were no options granted during the year ended December 31, 2017. The weighted average grant date fair value of options granted during the year ended December 31, 2016 was \$3.35 per share. The weighted average expected life of stock options represents the period of time that the stock options are expected to be outstanding and is estimated using historical data of stock option exercises and estimated forfeiture rates. Expected future expense relating to the non-vested options outstanding as of December 31, 2017 is \$116 thousand over a weighted average period of 2.4 years. Upon exercise of vested options, management expects to draw on authorized unissued stock as the source of the shares.

#### NOTE 18 – INCOME TAXES

The Company and its subsidiary are subject to U.S. federal and state income tax. The components of income tax expense for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 are as follows:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Current:		
Federal	\$ 2,859	\$ 2,175
State	983	644
	<u>3,842</u>	<u>2,819</u>
Deferred:		
Federal	741	(40)
State	(104)	49
	<u>637</u>	<u>9</u>
	<u>\$ 4,479</u>	<u>\$ 2,828</u>

The reconciliation of the statutory federal income tax at a rate of 34% to the income tax expense included in the statements of income and comprehensive income for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 is as follows:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>2017</b>		<b>2016</b>	
Federal income tax at statutory rate	\$ 3,458	34%	\$ 2,840	34%
Tax exempt interest	(438)	(4)	(288)	(3)
State income tax, net of federal income tax effect	580	6	457	5
Rate change impact	942	9	—	—
Bank owned life insurance	(178)	(2)	(105)	(1)
M&A expenses	263	3	—	—
Other	(148)	(2)	(76)	(1)
	<u>\$ 4,479</u>	<u>44%</u>	<u>\$ 2,828</u>	<u>34%</u>

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The components of the net deferred tax asset at December 31, 2017 and 2016 are as follows:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Deferred tax assets:		
Allowance for loan losses	\$ 2,016	\$ 2,646
Deferred compensation	357	506
Deferred Fees	3	402
Foreclosed real estate	186	223
Restricted stock	188	122
Unrealized loss on securities available for sale	—	497
Other	468	223
Total deferred tax assets	<u>3,218</u>	<u>4,619</u>
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Depreciation	(448)	(537)
Prepaid expenses	(32)	(210)
Unrealized gain on securities, available for sale	(122)	—
Unrealized gain on interest rate swaps	(391)	(659)
Total deferred tax liabilities	<u>(993)</u>	<u>(1,406)</u>
Net deferred tax asset, included in other assets	<u>\$ 2,225</u>	<u>\$ 3,213</u>

On December 22, 2017, H.R. 1, commonly known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the “Act”) was signed into law. The Act contains several changes in existing law impacting businesses, including the reduction of the Federal Corporate income tax rate from 34% to 21%, effective January 1, 2018. As a result of the rate reduction, the Company re-measured its deferred tax assets using the newly enacted corporate tax rate through income tax expense in the period of enactment. The Company’s re-measurement of its net deferred tax asset resulted in additional income tax expense of \$942 thousand at December 31, 2017.

#### NOTE 19 – TRANSACTIONS WITH EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS

The Company has had, and may be expected to have in the future, banking transactions in the ordinary course of business with its executive officers, directors, principal stockholders, their immediate families and affiliated companies (commonly referred to as related parties), on the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with others.

The related party loan activity for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 is summarized as follows:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Balance, beginning	\$ 10,332	\$ 6,647
Disbursements	12,306	5,068
Repayments and other	(1,074)	(1,383)
Balance, ending	<u>\$ 21,564</u>	<u>\$ 10,332</u>

Deposits from certain executive officers, directors and their affiliates at December 31, 2017 and 2016 totaled \$9.6 million and \$9.3 million, respectively.

Certain related parties of the Company provided legal services and appraisal services to the Company. Legal services provided by related parties totaled \$19 thousand and \$10 thousand for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Appraisal services provided by related parties totaled \$0 thousand and \$2 thousand for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The Company also paid rent to related parties for an office location in the amount of \$148 thousand and \$148 thousand for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

**NOTE 20 – FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS WITH OFF-BALANCE SHEET RISK**

The Company is a party to financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of its customers. These financial instruments include commitments to extend credit and letters of credit. Those instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit risk in excess of the amount recognized in the balance sheet.

The Company's exposure to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the other party to the financial instrument for commitments to extend credit is represented by the contractual amount of those instruments. The Company uses the same credit policies in making commitments and conditional obligations as it does for on-balance sheet instruments.

A summary of the Company's financial instrument commitments at December 31, 2017 and 2016 is as follows:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Commitments to grant loans	\$ 87,630	\$ 70,463
Unfunded commitments under lines of credit	93,555	69,811
Outstanding standby letters of credit	485	998

Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the contract. Since many of the commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee. The Company evaluates each customer's credit worthiness on a case-by-case basis. The amount of collateral obtained, if deemed necessary by the Company upon extension of credit, is based on management's credit evaluation. Collateral held varies but may include personal or commercial real estate, accounts receivable, inventory and equipment.

Outstanding letters of credit are conditional commitments issued by the Company to guarantee the performance of a customer to a third party. The Company's exposure to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the other party to the financial instrument for standby letters of credit is represented by the contractual amount of those instruments. These standby letters of credit expire within twelve months, although many have automatic renewal provisions. The credit risk involved in issuing letters of credit is essentially the same as that involved in extending other loan commitments. The Company requires collateral and personal guarantees supporting these letters of credit as deemed necessary. Management believes that the proceeds obtained through a liquidation of such collateral and enforcement of personal guarantees would be sufficient to cover the maximum potential amount of future payments required under the corresponding guarantees. The current amount of the liability as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 for guarantees under standby letters of credit issued is not material.

**NOTE 21 – CAPITAL AND REGULATORY MATTERS**

The Company is required to maintain cash reserve balances either in vault cash or with the Federal Reserve Bank. The total of those reserve balances was approximately \$7.6 million at December 31, 2017.

The Bank is subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the federal banking agencies. Failure to meet the minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory and possibly additional discretionary actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on the Company's financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, the Bank must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of the Bank's assets, liabilities and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. The Bank's capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk-weightings and other factors.

The federal banking agencies have substantially amended the regulatory risk-based capital rules applicable to the Bank. The amendments implemented the "Basel III" regulatory capital reforms and changes required by the Dodd-Frank Act. The new rules apply regulatory capital requirements to the Bank. The amended rules included new minimum risk-based capital and leverage ratios, which became effective in January 2017, with certain requirements to be phased in beginning in 2018, and refined the definition of what constitutes "capital" for purposes of calculating those ratios.

The new minimum capital level requirements applicable to the Bank include: (i) a new common equity Tier 1 capital ratio of 5.75% (increased from 4.5%); (ii) a Tier 1 capital ratio of 7.25% (increased from 6%); (iii) a total capital ratio of 9.25% (increased from 8%); and (iv) a Tier 1 leverage ratio of 4% for all institutions. The amended rules establish a “capital conservation buffer” of 2.5% (phased in over four years at 0.625% per year) above the new regulatory minimum capital ratios, and would result in the following phased-in minimum ratios when fully implemented: (i) a common equity Tier 1 capital ratio of 7.0%; (ii) a Tier 1 capital ratio of 8.5%; and (iii) a total capital ratio of 10.5%. The new capital conservation buffer requirement phased in beginning in January 2016 at 0.625% of risk-weighted assets and will increase each year until fully implemented in January 2019. An institution will be subject to limitations on paying dividends, engaging in share repurchases, and paying discretionary bonuses if its capital level falls below the buffer amount. These limitations will establish a maximum percentage of eligible retained income that could be utilized for such actions.

As of December 31, 2017, the most recent notification from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation categorized the Bank as well capitalized under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. There are no conditions or events since that notification that management believes have changed the Bank’s category.

The Bank’s actual capital amounts and ratios at December 31, 2017 and 2016 are presented below:

	Actual		For Capital Adequacy Purposes plus Capital Conservation Buffer		To be Well Capitalized under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>						
As of December 31, 2017						
Total capital (to risk-weighted assets):	\$ 121,141	15.17%	>\$73,847	>9.25%	>\$79,835	>10.00%
Tier I capital (to risk-weighted assets):	113,806	14.26%	>57,880	>7.25	>63,868	>8.00
Common equity tier I capital (to average assets):	113,806	14.26%	>45,905	>5.75	>51,893	>6.50
Tier I capital (to average assets):	113,806	11.86%	>38,391	>4.00	>47,989	>5.00
As of December 31, 2016						
Total capital (to risk-weighted assets):	\$ 93,579	13.86%	>\$58,279	>8.63%	>\$67,531	>10.00%
Tier I capital (to risk-weighted assets):	86,883	12.87%	>44,773	>6.63	>54,025	>8.00
Common equity tier I capital (to average assets):	86,883	12.87%	>34,643	>5.13	>43,895	>6.50
Tier I capital (to average assets):	86,883	10.41%	>33,380	>4.00	>41,725	>5.00

The Bank is subject to certain restrictions on the amount of dividends that it may declare due to regulatory considerations. The State of New Jersey banking laws specify that no dividend shall be paid by the Bank on its capital stock unless, following the payment of such dividend, the capital stock of the Bank will be unimpaired and the Bank will have a surplus of not less than 50% of its capital stock or, if not, the payment of such dividend will not reduce the surplus of the Bank.

At December 31, 2017, the Bank’s funds available for payment of dividends were \$110.8 million. Accordingly, \$7.5 million of the Company’s equity in the net assets of the Bank was restricted as of December 31, 2017.

In addition, dividends paid by the Bank to the Company would be prohibited if the effect thereof would cause the Bank’s capital to be reduced below applicable minimum capital requirements.

## NOTE 22 – PARENT COMPANY ONLY FINANCIAL

Condensed financial information pertaining only to the parent company, Sussex Bancorp, is as follows:

## BALANCE SHEETS

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	December 31,	
	2017	2016
Assets		
Cash	\$ 347	\$ 129
Interest-bearing deposits with other banks	249	—
Investment in subsidiary	117,953	89,956
Accrued interest and other assets	3,555	2,919
Total Assets	<u>\$ 122,104</u>	<u>\$ 93,004</u>
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Other liabilities	\$ 63	\$ 92
Long-term borrowings	—	5,000
Subordinated debentures	27,848	27,840
Stockholders' equity	94,193	60,072
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	<u>\$ 122,104</u>	<u>\$ 93,004</u>

## STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Year Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Interest expense on borrowings	\$ (109)	\$ (52)
Interest expense on debentures	(1,278)	(391)
Other expenses	(217)	(203)
Loss before income tax benefit and equity in undistributed net income of subsidiaries	(1,604)	(646)
Income tax benefit	623	243
Loss before equity in undistributed net income of subsidiaries	(981)	(403)
Equity in undistributed net income of subsidiaries	6,672	5,926
Net Income	5,691	5,523
Comprehensive income	<u>\$ 6,588</u>	<u>\$ 5,680</u>



## STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Year Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net Income	\$ 5,691	\$ 5,523
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Amortization of subordinated debenture	8	—
Net change in other assets and liabilities	607	852
Equity in undistributed net income of subsidiaries	(6,672)	(5,926)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	(366)	449
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Capital contribution to subsidiaries	(21,240)	(19,568)
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	(21,240)	(19,568)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Cash dividends paid	(1,203)	(752)
Net proceeds from issuance of common stock	28,027	—
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	—	5,000
Repayment of long-term borrowings	(5,000)	—
Proceeds from subordinated debenture, net of issuance costs of \$47	—	14,953
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	—	4
Purchase of treasury stock	—	(26)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Financing Activities	21,824	19,179
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	218	60
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	129	69
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year	\$ 347	\$ 129

## NOTE 23 – CONTINGENCIES

In the normal course of business, the Company is subject to various lawsuits involving matters generally incidental to its business. Management is of the opinion that the ultimate liability, if any, resulting from any pending actions or proceedings will not have a material effect on the financial condition or results of operations of the Company.

## NOTE 24 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On January 4, 2018 the Company announced the successful closing of the merger with Community Bank of Bergen County, NJ, a New Jersey-chartered bank (“Community”) in an all-stock transaction (the “Merger”). Under the terms of the agreement, Community will be merged with and into Sussex Bank, with Sussex Bank being the surviving entity and each outstanding share of Community common stock will be exchanged for 0.97 shares of Sussex Bancorp's common stock. The Company issued 1,873,028 shares of its common stock, having an aggregate fair value of \$51.9 million in the merger and paid approximately \$2 thousand for fractional shares issued. Outstanding Community stock options were paid out in cash for a total payment of \$140 thousand.

With the combination of the two companies, the Company, on a consolidated basis, will have approximately \$1.3 billion in total assets, approximately \$1.1 billion in total deposits, and approximately \$1.1 billion in total loans. In addition, the merger expands the Company's presence in Bergen County, New Jersey with the addition of three full service branch locations. During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company incurred \$1.2 million in merger-related expenses for this acquisition.

The merger transaction was accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting and, accordingly, assets acquired, liabilities assumed, and consideration exchanged were recorded at estimated fair values on the acquisition date. Fair values are preliminary and subject to refinement for up to one year after the closing date of the acquisition. Management is in the process of assessing the assets purchased and liabilities assumed in connection with the merger.

## EXHIBIT LIST

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
3.1	Restated Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on August 15, 2011).
3.2	Amended and Restated By-laws (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.II to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 3, 2014).
4.1	Specimen common stock certificate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed with the SEC on June 3, 2013).
4.2	Form of Subordinated Note Certificate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on December 22, 2016).
10.1*	1995 Incentive Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.6 to the Registration Statement on Form 8-B filed with the SEC on December 13, 1996).
10.2*	2001 Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit B to the Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14-A filed with the SEC on March 19, 2001.)
10.3*	2004 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 29, 2005).
10.4*	2013 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the SEC on May 28, 2014).
10.5*	Form of Incentive Stock Option Agreement under 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the SEC on May 28, 2014).
10.6*	Form of Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement under 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the SEC on May 28, 2014).
10.7*	Form of Restricted Stock Agreement under 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the SEC on May 28, 2014).
10.8*	Amended and Restated Director Deferred Compensation Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on December 19, 2008).
10.9*	Amended and Restated Executive Incentive and Deferred Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 26, 2010).
10.10*	Employment Agreement by and between the Company, the Bank and Donald L. Kovach, dated July 15, 2009 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 20, 2009).
10.11*	Salary Continuation Agreement by and between the Company and Donald L. Kovach, dated March 15, 2000 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 16, 2011).
10.12*	Amendment #1 to the Salary Continuation Agreement with Donald L. Kovach, dated June 11, 2002 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 16, 2011).
10.13*	Amendment #2 to the Salary Continuation Agreement with Donald L. Kovach, dated January 7, 2004 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 23, 2004).
10.14*	Amendment #3 to the Salary Continuation Agreement with Donald L. Kovach, dated October 17, 2007 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on November 14, 2007).
10.15*	Employment Agreement by and between Tri-State Insurance Agency, Inc. and George Lista, dated September 1, 2006 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.A to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on September 7, 2006).
10.16*	Employment Agreement by and between the Company, the Bank and Anthony Labozzetta, dated January 20, 2010 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 26, 2010).
10.17*	Supplemental Executive Retirement Agreement by and between the Company and Anthony J. Labozzetta, dated July 20, 2011 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 26, 2011).
10.18*	Employment Agreement by and between the Company, the Bank and Steven M. Fusco, dated June 23, 2010 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 29, 2010).
21.1	List of Subsidiaries.
23.1	Consent of BDO USA, LLP.
31.1	Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

- 31.2 Certification of Principal Financial and Accounting Officer pursuant to Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- 32.1\*\* Certifications of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 101\*\* Formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) the Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) the Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income, (iii) the Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity, (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows and (v) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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\* Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

\*\* Furnished herewith and not deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act.

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