

BRIDGE BANCORP INC
Form 8-K
November 15, 2017

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): November 15, 2017

BRIDGE BANCORP, INC.

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

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| New York | 001-34096 | 11-2934195 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer |
| incorporation or organization) | | Identification |
| | | No.) |

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

(631) 537-1000

(Registrant's telephone number)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (See General Instruction A.2. below):

- “Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- “Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- “Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- “Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4c)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company “

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. "

Item 7.01

Regulation FD Disclosure

On November 15, 2017 the Company issued a press release announcing that the New York State Department of Financial Services has approved the application submitted by The Bridgehampton National Bank (the “Bank”) to convert from a national bank to a New York chartered commercial bank (the “Charter Conversion”). An application has also been filed and is pending with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to remain a member bank of the Federal Reserve System following the Charter Conversion. All regulatory approvals are expected to be received and the Charter Conversion is expected to become effective in the fourth quarter of 2017. Upon effectiveness of the Charter Conversion, the Bank will operate under the name “BNB Bank.” The press release also discusses the recently announced branch rationalization pursuant to which certain branches are being closed or consolidated into existing locations.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Not Applicable.

(b) Not Applicable.

(c) Not Applicable.

(d) Exhibits.

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Exhibit</u> |
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| <u>99.1</u> | <u>Press Release dated November 15, 2017</u> |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

BRIDGE BANCORP, INC.

DATE: November 15, 2017 By: /s/ Kevin M. O'Connor
Kevin M. O'Connor
President and Chief Executive Officer