

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): August 10, 2010

LAPORTE BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Federal
(State or Other Jurisdiction)
of Incorporation)

001-33733
(Commission File No.)

26-1231235
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

710 Indiana Avenue, LaPorte, Indiana
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

46350
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (219) 362-7511

Not Applicable

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

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

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

The Company announced today that effective August 10, 2010, Robert P. Rose has been appointed as a director of the Company and its subsidiary, The LaPorte Savings Bank (the "Bank"). Mr. Rose, age 49, is the President of Harbour Trust & Investment Management Company ("Harbour") located in Michigan City, Indiana. Mr. Rose has served with Harbour since 1997. The Company's Board of Directors has not determined which, if any, board committees Mr. Rose will serve on. The full text of the press release announcing Mr. Rose's appointment to the Company's Board of Directors is set forth in Exhibit 99.1.

Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On August 10, 2010, the Board of Directors of the Company amended the Company's bylaws to increase the number of directors of the Company from nine to ten members.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired: None
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information: None
- (c) Shell company transactions: None
- (d) Exhibits: None

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.

LAPORTE BANCORP, INC.

DATE: August 10, 2010

By: /s/ Lee A. Brady
Lee A. Brady
President and Chief Executive Officer

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 10, 2010

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LAPORTE SAVINGS BANK ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR

LAPORTE -- The Boards of Directors for LaPorte Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ:LPSB); LaPorte Savings Bank, MHC; and The LaPorte Savings Bank are pleased to announce Robert Rose has joined their Boards of Directors effective August 10, 2010.

Mr. Rose has more than twenty-five years of financial industry experience, with emphases in strategic planning and investment and trust management. He is the President of Harbour Trust & Investment Management Company in Michigan City, Indiana. In addition, he is a Notre Dame graduate with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Business Administration and a concentration in Accounting. Throughout his career, he has remained a dedicated student of his profession. He has completed courses through: The American Institute of Banking, Northwestern University, The American Management Association, and Cannon Financial Institute.

Bob and his wife, Mary, live in Michigan City, Indiana, with their two children. For many years he was an instructor for Purdue University-North Central and The American Institute of Banking. He has demonstrated his commitment to community through volunteering his leadership skills to several organizations in Northwest Indiana over the course of his career. He states, "The LaPorte Savings Bank is a well respected financial institution in our community and I look forward to assisting in their continued success by serving as an active board member."

Paul Fenker, Board Chairman, states, "We are pleased to welcome Bob to the Board and look forward to his contributions. His financial industry background and high level of professional and ethical standards will be assets as he takes on this role with our company."

Lee Brady, LaPorte Savings Bank CEO states, "Mr. Rose will be an outstanding addition to the Board. We look forward to his involvement as he joins us in this leadership capacity, and we are pleased to have attracted a strong board member that understands the needs of the communities we serve as well as those of our stockholders."

LaPorte Bancorp, Inc. is the holding company for The LaPorte Savings Bank. Founded in 1871, The LaPorte Savings Bank is an Indiana-chartered savings bank that operates eight full service locations in the LaPorte and Porter County regions of Northwest Indiana. As a community-oriented savings bank, The LaPorte Savings Bank offers a variety of deposit and loan products to individuals and small businesses. Investors may obtain additional information about LaPorte Bancorp, Inc. on the internet at www.laportesavingsbank.com, under Investor Relations.