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

**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): October 17, 2018

CONNECTONE BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

New Jersey
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-11486
(Commission File Number)

52-1273725
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

301 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey 07632
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(201) 816-8900
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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:

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (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 8.01. Other Events.

[Exhibit 99.1](#). Press release dated October 17, 2018

SIGNATURE

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.

CONNECTONE BANCORP, INC.

Date: October 17, 2018

By: /s/ William S. Burns
William S. Burns
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Section 2: EX-99.1 (PRESS RELEASE)

EXHIBIT 99.1

ConnectOne Bank Expands New York City Presence with Astoria Location

Continues the Company's Strategy to Support New York Business Community Following Long Island Opening in May

ASTORIA, N.Y., Oct. 17, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- ConnectOne Bancorp, Inc. (Nasdaq:CNOB) (the "Company" or "ConnectOne"), parent company of ConnectOne Bank (the "Bank"), has expanded its New York operations by opening an office in Astoria, N.Y., to serve the market's small and mid-size business community and continue ConnectOne's growth strategy in the metro New York area. The ConnectOne Astoria office, located at Broadway and 37th street, follows the opening of a ConnectOne office in Melville, Long Island, earlier this May.

"The Astoria office will serve as a natural bridge between the recently opened Long Island location and our New York market," said Frank Sorrentino III, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of ConnectOne Bank. "Astoria is home to a thriving but underserved small and mid-size business community. We sensed an opportunity to fill that void with a banking office designed to assist the specific needs of these business owners. Our expansion into Astoria is a seamless next step in ConnectOne's strategy to increase our presence in the New York metro area and provides our clients with a convenient new location in a fast-growing part of New York City."

"New York City businesses expect a modern bank that can support the unique demands of their industries while operating at the same pace, and in the same place, as they do," said Elizabeth Magennis, Executive Vice President & Chief Lending Officer of ConnectOne. "ConnectOne's expansion into Astoria will help us serve clients in a variety of business areas, including real estate, law, professional services and education, with the expert service that has become synonymous with ConnectOne."

About ConnectOne Bancorp, Inc.

ConnectOne is a New Jersey corporation and a registered bank holding company pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, and serves as the holding company for ConnectOne Bank ("the Bank"). The Bank is a community-based, full-service New Jersey-chartered commercial bank that was founded in 2005. The Bank operates from its headquarters located at 301 Sylvan Avenue in the Borough of Englewood Cliffs, Bergen County, New Jersey, and through its 21 other banking offices across New Jersey and New York.

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