

TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FETSKO FRANCIS M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORP
 [TMP]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/25/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, COO, CFO & Treasurer

TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION, PO BOX #460

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ITHACA, NY 14851

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Common Stock | 05/25/2012 | | M | | 8,785 | A | \$ 29.3 13,221 D |
| Common Stock | 05/25/2012 | | F | | 6,946 | D | \$ 37.06 6,044 D |
| Common Stock | | | | | 4,669 | (2) (3) | I by 401K/ESOP |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 29.3 | 05/25/2012 | | M | 8,785 | <u>(1)</u> 09/30/2012 | Common Stock | 8,785 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FETSKO FRANCIS M TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION PO BOX #460 ITHACA, NY 14851 | | | EVP, COO, CFO & Treasurer | |

Signatures

/s/ Francis M. Fetsko
Date: 05/25/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The stock option becomes exercisable in four annual installments commencing two years after the date of grant.
- (2) Reflects all 401K/ESOP allocations and dispositions since the filing of the reporting person's last ownership report.
Shares allocated to the reporting person's 401K/ESOP were reported in the Form 5 filed 2/15/2012 as being held directly. The ownership of those shares is now reflected as being held indirectly, and the reporting person's holdings in Column 5 of this report have been updated to reflect the nature of beneficial ownership of these shares.

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