

STERLING BANCORP

Form 8-K/A

December 22, 2010

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### FORM 8-K/A

### Amendment No. 1

#### 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 5, 2010

Commission File Number: 1-5273-1

### Sterling Bancorp

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

New York

(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

13-256216

(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

650 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code – (212)57-3300

10019-6108

(Zip code)

N/A

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

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

**The Registrant is amending its Current Report on Form 8-K previously filed on November 5, 2010, to correct the payment date of the regular quarterly dividend payment to December 31, 2010 from December 30, 2010.**

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On November 4, 2010, Sterling Bancorp (the "Company") issued a press release announcing a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.09 per share to all shareholders of record as of December 15, 2010, and payable on December 30, 2010. The correct payable date is December 31, 2010.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) none

(b) none

(c) none

(d) The following documents are filed herewith as Exhibits to this Form 8-K:

Exhibit 99.1 – Press Release dated November 4, 2010.

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**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 thereunto duly authorized.

**Sterling Bancorp**

(Registrant)

Date: December 22, 2010

By: /s/ John W. Tietjen

Name: John W. Tietjen

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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