

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): August 10, 2018

Esquire Financial Holdings, Inc.

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

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

001-38131
(Commission File Number)

27-5107901
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

100 Jericho Quadrangle, Suite 100, Jericho, New York
(Address of principal executive offices)

11753
(Zip Code)

(516) 535-2002
(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 8.01. Other Events.

On August 10, 2018, Esquire Financial Holdings, Inc. ("Esquire") issued a press release announcing the death of its Executive Chairman, Dennis Shields. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| <u>99.1</u> | Press Release dated August 10, 2018. |

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.

ESQUIRE FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC.

Dated: August 13, 2018

By: /s/ Andrew C. Sagliocca
Andrew C. Sagliocca
President and Chief Executive Officer

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Section 2: EX-99.1 (PRESS RELEASE DATED AUGUST 10, 2018)

Exhibit 99.1

Esquire Bank Board of Directors Mourns the Loss of its Founder and Executive Chairman Dennis Shields

Jericho, NY – August 10, 2018 – Esquire Financial Holdings, Inc. released the following statement today:

It is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of our dear friend and business partner, Dennis Shields, Executive Chairman of the Board at Esquire Financial Holdings, Inc. Dennis' passion for his family, friends, and professional work were unmatched and there are no words to describe the loss we feel today.

"This tragic and emotional loss is devastating to all of us who knew Dennis and loved him dearly," said Tony Coelho, Vice Chairman of the Board. "Dennis will be fondly remembered by all who worked with him, including the Board of Directors who have full confidence in the management team which has led and will continue to lead Esquire Bank."

While his presence will be forever missed by his colleagues, the outlook for Esquire Bank remains positive.

"We are heartbroken over the loss of our dear friend Dennis," said Andrew Sagliocca, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Dennis was a great visionary in the financial and legal community and created a tremendous franchise in Esquire Bank. Our focus, thoughts, prayers, and love are with his family."

We ask for respect and privacy toward Dennis' grieving family. We, as a company and as individuals, will be there to support them in their time of need.

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About Esquire Financial Holdings, Inc.

Esquire Financial Holdings, Inc. is a bank holding company headquartered in Jericho, New York, with one branch office in Garden City, New York and an administrative office in Boca Raton, Florida. Its wholly-owned subsidiary, Esquire Bank, National Association, is a full service commercial bank dedicated to serving the financial needs of the legal industry and small businesses nationally, as well as commercial and retail customers in the New York metropolitan area. The bank offers tailored products and solutions to the legal community and their clients as well as dynamic and flexible merchant services solutions to small business owners. For more information, visit www.esquirebank.com.

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