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WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

x **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**
For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2013

or

o **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**
For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number **001-35812**

CONNECTONE BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

NEW JERSEY
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

26-1998619
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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

(201) 816-8900
(Issuer's Telephone Number, including area code)

(Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year, if Changed Since Last Report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation SD-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes x No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definition of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and small reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer o Accelerated filer o Non-accelerated filer x Smaller reporting company o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No x

As of November 8, 2013 there were 5,089,392 shares of common stock, no par value, outstanding.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(dollars in thousands)

	September 30, 2013 (unaudited)	December 31, 2012
Assets		
Cash and due from banks	$ 3,383	$ 3,242
Interest-bearing deposits with banks	46,169	47,387
Cash and cash equivalents	49,552	50,629
Securities available for sale	23,450	19,252
Securities held to maturity, fair value of $1,274 at 2013 and $2,084 at 2012	1,218	1,985
Loans held for sale	—	405
Loans receivable	1,031,070	848,842
Less: Allowance for loan losses	(14,666)	(13,246)
Net loans receivable	1,016,404	835,596
Investment in restricted stock, at cost	5,834	4,744
Bank premises and equipment, net	7,808	7,904
Accrued interest receivable	3,704	3,361
Other real estate owned	1,303	433
Goodwill	260	260
Bank owned life insurance	15,044	—
Other assets	5,358	5,357
Total assets	$ 1,129,935	$ 929,926
Liabilities		
Deposits		
Non interest-bearing	$ 193,492	$ 170,355
Interest-bearing	704,243	598,963
Total deposits	897,735	769,318
Long-term borrowings	97,816	79,568
Accrued interest payable	2,750	2,803
Capital lease obligation	3,129	3,185
Other liabilities	1,268	2,690
Total liabilities	1,002,698	857,564
Commitments and Contingencies		
Stockholders' Equity		
Common stock, no par value; authorized 10,000,000 shares at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012; issued and outstanding 5,089,392 at September 30, 2013 and 3,166,217 at December 31, 2012	99,118	51,205

Retained earnings	28,081	20,661
Accumulated other comprehensive income	38	496
Total stockholders' equity	127,237	72,362
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	$ 1,129,935	$ 929,926

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (unaudited)

(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	**2012**	**2013**	**2012**
Interest income				
Loans receivable, including fees	$11,923	$9,955	$33,758	$29,076
Securities	210	311	584	833
Other interest income	25	23	80	53
Total interest income	12,158	10,289	34,422	29,962
Interest expense				
Deposits	1,215	1,214	3,510	3,579
Long-term borrowings	346	349	1,010	1,001
Capital lease	47	48	142	145
Total interest expense	1,608	1,611	4,662	4,725
Net interest income	10,550	8,678	29,760	25,237
Provision for loan losses	1,300	950	3,175	2,840
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	9,250	7,728	26,585	22,397
Non-interest income				
Service fees	136	88	299	281
Gains on sales of loans	54	126	215	338
Income on bank owned life insurance	44	—	44	—
Other income	59	80	295	196
Total non-interest income	293	294	853	815
Non-interest expenses				
Salaries and employee benefits	2,584	2,024	7,510	6,252
Occupancy and equipment	806	746	2,296	2,156
Professional fees	454	237	1,045	777
Advertising and promotion	106	168	375	352
Data processing	507	425	1,398	1,242
Other expenses	763	735	2,262	2,162
Total non-interest expenses	5,220	4,335	14,886	12,941
Income before income tax expense	4,323	3,687	12,552	10,271
Income tax expense	1,736	1,488	5,132	4,154
Net income	2,587	2,199	7,420	6,117
Dividends on preferred shares	—	2	—	354
Net income available to common stockholders	$2,587	$2,197	$7,420	$5,763
Earnings per common share:				
Basic	$0.52	$0.70	$1.58	$2.26
Diluted	0.50	0.68	1.54	1.92
Weighted average common shares outsanding:				
Basic	5,011,045	3,145,625	4,691,793	2,546,996

Diluted	5,158,704	3,256,092	4,828,408	3,184,927

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (unaudited)

(dollars in thousands)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Net income	$2,587	$2,199	$7,420	$6,117
Net unrealized gains/(losses)	(642)	50	(763)	95
Tax effect	(257)	20	(305)	38
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(385)	30	(458)	57
Comprehensive income	$2,202	$2,229	$6,962	$6,174

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (unaudited)

(dollars in thousands)

	Common Stock	Preferred Stock, Series A	Preferred Stock, Series B	Preferred Stock, Series C	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total
Balance at January 1, 2012	$ 27,149	$ 2,500	$ 14,004	$ —	$ 12,594	$ 610	$ 56,857
Net Income	—	—	—	—	8,421	—	8,421
Other comprehensive loss, net of taxes	—	—	—	—	—	(114)	(114)
Issuance of convertible preferred stock; Series C, 7,500 shares	—	—	—	7,500	—	—	7,500
Issuance of convertible preferred stock; Series A, Series B and Series C	24,004	(2,500)	(14,004)	(7,500)	—	—	—
Cash dividends paid on preferred stock	—	—	—	—	(354)	—	(354)
Equity-based compensation	52	—	—	—	—	—	52
Balance at December 31, 2012	51,205	—	—	—	20,661	496	72,362
Net Income	—	—	—	—	7,420	—	7,420
Other comprehensive loss, net of taxes	—	—	—	—	—	(458)	(458)
Issuance of 1,840,000 shares, net of expenses	47,715	—	—	—	—	—	47,715
Grant of 83,175 restricted stock and performance unit awards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Equity-based compensation	198	—	—	—	—	—	198
Balance at September 30, 2013	$ 99,118	$ —	$ —	$ —	$ 28,081	$ 38	$ 127,237

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (unaudited)

(in thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	**2012**
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	7,420	6,117
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities-		
Provision for loan losses	3,175	2,840
Depreciation and amortization	958	876
Increase in bank owned life insurance	(44)	—
Net amortization of securities discounts and premiums	50	44
Amortization of intangibles assets	—	5
Equity-based compensation	198	52
Proceeds from sale of loans	10,420	15,230
Originations of loans held for sale	(9,800)	(15,205)
Gain on sales of loans	(215)	(338)
(Increase) decrease in accrued interest receivable	(343)	(566)
Increase (decrease) in accrued interest payable	(53)	655
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities	(1,422)	998
Decrease in other assets	303	183
Net cash provided by operating activities	10,647	10,891
Cash flows from investing activities		
Net Increase in loans	(184,853)	(175,130)
Purchases of securities available for sale	(9,903)	—
Purchases of bank owned life insurance	(15,000)	—
Maturities calls and prepayments	5,660	6,894
Net increase in investments in restricted stock, at cost	(1,090)	(1,378)
Purchases of bank premises and equipment	(862)	(327)
Net cash used in investing activities	(206,048)	(169,941)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:		
Net increase in deposits	128,417	114,860
Proceeds from long term borrowings	36,000	60,000
Repayment of long term borrowings	(17,752)	(35,727)
Net proceeds from initial public offering	47,715	—
Proceeds from sale of preferred stock	—	7,500
Decrease in capital lease obligation	(56)	(53)
Preferred stock dividends	—	(354)
Net cash provided by financing activities	194,324	146,226
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(1,077)	(12,824)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	50,629	59,176
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	$49,552	$46,352

Supplementary cash flows information:		
Interest paid	$4,715	$4,070
Income taxes paid	$6,405	$3,427
Supplementary information on noncash investing activities		
Loans transferred to other real estate owned	$1,303	$—

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(unaudited)

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Operations and Principles of Consolidation: The consolidated financial statements include ConnectOne Bancorp, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary, ConnectOne Bank ("the Bank"), together referred to as "the Company." Intercompany transactions and balances are eliminated in consolidation.

On October 1, 2013, the Company formed, through a capital contribution, a real estate investment trust, ConnectOne Preferred Funding Corp ("Funding Corp."), to own and manage a portfolio of real estate backed loans. Funding Corp. will consolidate with the Company in future reporting periods, with all intercompany transactions and balances eliminated in consolidation.

The Company provides financial services through its offices in Bergen, Hudson, and Monmouth counties, New Jersey. Its primary deposit products are checking, savings, and term certificate accounts, and its primary lending products are residential mortgage, commercial, and installment loans. Substantially all loans are secured by specific items of collateral including business assets, consumer assets, and commercial and residential real estate. Commercial loans are expected to be repaid from cash flow from business operations. There are no significant concentrations of loans to any one industry or customer. However, the customers' ability to repay their loans is dependent on the cash flows, real estate and general economic conditions in the area.

The consolidated financial information included herein as of and for the periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 is unaudited. The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements included herein have been prepared by the Company in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and reflect all adjustments which, in the opinion of management, are considered necessary for a fair presentation of the financial condition and results of operations for the periods presented. All adjustments made were of a normal and recurring nature. Operating results for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2013 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ended December 31, 2013. These unaudited interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto, included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.

Bank Owned Life Insurance: The Company has purchased life insurance policies on certain key executives. Bank owned life insurance is recorded at the amount that can be realized under the insurance contract at the balance sheet date, which is the cash surrender value adjusted for other charges or other amounts due that are probable at settlement.

Adoption of New Accounting Guidance: In February 2013, the FASB amended existing guidance to require an entity to provide information about amounts reclassified out of other comprehensive income by component. In addition, an entity is required to present, either on the face of the income statement where net income is presented or in the notes, significant amounts reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income by the respective line items of net income but only if the amount reclassified is required under United States generally accepted accounting principles to be reclassified to net income in its entirety in the same reporting period. For all other amounts, an entity is required to cross-reference to other disclosures that provide additional details about these amounts. The guidance is effective for all interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2012. The adoption of the guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's results of operation or financial position.

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NOTE 2 - SECURITIES

The amortized cost, gross unrealized gains and losses and fair value of securities available for sale at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
September 30, 2013				
Securities available for sale:				
U.S. Treasury securities	$ 1,933	$ —	$ (80)	$ 1,853
States and political subdivisions	2,920	—	(57)	2,863
Asset-backed securities:				
Residential mortgages	10,014	386	(89)	10,311
Student loans	2,515	—	(36)	2,479
Equity securities	6,000	—	(56)	5,944
	$ 23,382	$ 386	$ (318)	$ 23,450
December 31, 2012				
Securities available for sale:				
U.S. government sponsored agencies	$ 1,000	$ 5	$ —	$ 1,005
Asset-backed securities:				
Residential mortgages	11,421	608	—	12,029
Equity security:	6,000	218	—	6,218
	$ 18,421	$ 831	$ —	$ 19,252

The amortized cost, gross unrecognized gains and losses and fair value of securities held to maturity at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
September 30, 2013				
Securities held-to-maturity:				

Asset-backed securities – residential mortgages	$ 1,218	$ 56	$ —	$1,274
December 31, 2012				
Securities held-to-maturity:				
Asset-backed securities – residential mortgages	$ 1,985	$ 99	$ —	$2,084

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NOTE 2 - SECURITIES

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The amortized cost and fair value of debt securities available for sale and held to maturity at September 30, 2013, by contractual maturity, are shown below (dollars in thousands). Expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties. Mortgage-backed securities do not have a specific maturity and are shown separately.

	Available for Sale		Held to Maturity	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
September 30, 2013				
Due in under one year or less	$1,005	$1,005	$—	$—
Due after one year through five years	—	—	—	—
Due after five years through ten years	3,848	3,711	—	—
Due after ten years	2,515	2,479	—	—
Asset-backed securities – residential mortgages	10,014	10,311	1,218	1,274
	$17,382	$17,506	$1,218	$1,274

There were no sales of available for sale securities for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012.

Securities with a carrying value of $231,000 and $322,000 at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively, were pledged to secure public deposits, securities sold under agreements to repurchase and for other purposes as required or permitted by law.

The following table summarizes securities with unrealized losses at September 30, 2013, aggregated by major security type and length of time in a continuous unrealized loss position (dollars in thousands):

	Less than 12 Months		Total	

			12 Months or Longer			
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
September 30, 2013						
Available for Sale						
U.S. Treasury securities	$1,853	$ (80)	$ —	$ —	$1,853	$ (80)
States and political subdivisions	2,863	(57)	—	—	2,863	(57)
Asset-backed securities –						
Residential mortgages	1,353	(89)	—	—	1,353	(89)
Student loans	2,479	(36)			2,479	(36)
Equity securities	5,944	(56)	—	—	5,944	(56)
	$14,492	$ (318)	$ —	$ —	$14,492	$ (318)

Unrealized losses on available for sale securities have not been recognized into income because the securities are of high credit quality, management does not intend to sell and it is likely that management will not be required to sell the securities prior to their anticipated recovery, and the decline in fair value is largely due to changes in interest rates. The fair value is expected to recover as the securities approach maturity.

There were no held to maturity securities in an unrealized loss position at September 30, 2013. There were no securities in an unrealized loss position at December 31, 2012.

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NOTE 3 – LOANS RECEIVABLE

The composition of loans receivable (which excludes loans held for sale) at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
Commercial	$186,172	$147,455
Commercial real estate	672,727	549,218
Commercial construction	52,371	36,872
Residential real estate	87,113	82,962
Home equity	32,275	30,961
Consumer	1,587	1,801
Gross loans	1,032,245	849,269
Unearned net origination fees and costs	(1,175)	(427)
Loans receivable	1,031,070	848,842
Less: Allowance for loan losses	(14,666)	(13,246)
Nets loans receivable	$1,016,404	$835,596

The portfolio classes in the above table have unique risk characteristics with respect to credit quality:

Ÿ The repayment of commercial loans is generally dependent on the creditworthiness and cash flow of borrowers, and if applicable, guarantors, which may be negatively impacted by adverse economic conditions. While the majority of these loans are secured, collateral type, marketing, coverage, valuation and monitoring is not as uniform as in other portfolio classes and recovery from liquidation of such collateral may be subject to greater variability.

Ÿ Payment on commercial real estate loans is driven principally by operating results of the managed properties or underlying business and secondarily by the sale or refinance of such properties. Both primary and secondary sources of repayment, and value of the properties in liquidation, may be affected to a greater extent by adverse conditions in the real estate market or the economy in general.

Ÿ

Properties underlying commercial construction loans often do not generate sufficient cash flows to service debt and thus repayment is subject to the ability of the borrower and, if applicable, guarantors, to complete development or construction of the property and carry the project, often for extended periods of time until the property can be sold. As a result, the performance of these loans is contingent upon future events whose probability at the time of origination is uncertain.

The ability of borrowers to service debt in the residential, home equity and consumer loan portfolios is generally subject to personal income which may be impacted by general economic conditions, such as increased unemployment levels. These loans are predominately collateralized by first and/or second liens on single family properties. If a borrower cannot maintain the loan, the Company's ability to recover against the collateral in a sufficient amount and in a timely manner may be significantly influenced by market, legal and regulatory conditions.

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NOTE 3 – LOANS RECEIVABLE

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The following table represents the allocation of allowance for loan losses and the related loans by loan portfolio segment disaggregated based on the impairment methodology at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 (dollars in thousands):

	Commercial	Commercial Real Estate	Commercial Construction	Residential Real Estate	Home Equity Lines of Credit	Consumer	Unallocated	Total
September 30, 2013								
Allowance for loan losses:								
Individually evaluated for impairment	$ 1,059	$ 128	$ —	$ —	$—	$ —	$ —	$ 1,187
Collectively evaluated for impairment	2,769	7,921	629	1,342	641	36	141	13,479
Total	$ 3,828	$ 8,049	$ 629	$ 1,342	$641	$ 36	$ 141	$ 14,666
Loans receivable:								
Individually evaluated for impairment	$ 5,893	$ 6,163	$ —	$ 3,128	$231	$ —	$ —	$ 15,415
Collectively evaluated for impairment	180,279	666,564	52,371	83,985	32,044	1,587	—	1,016,830
Total	$ 186,172	$ 672,727	$ 52,371	$ 87,113	$ 32,275	$ 1,587	$ —	$ 1,032,245
December 31, 2012								
Allowance for loan losses:								
Individually evaluated for impairment	$ 165	$ 1,006	$ 27	$ —	$—	$ —	$ —	$ 1,198
Collectively evaluated for impairment	2,237	6,712	633	1,542	617	41	266	12,048

Total	$ 2,402	$ 7,718	$ 660	$ 1,542	$617	$ 41	$ 266	$13,246
Loans receivable:								
Individually evaluated for impairment	$ 3,124	$ 4,697	$ 395	$ 2,995	$119	$ —	$ —	$11,330
Collectively evaluated for impairment	144,331	544,521	36,477	79,967	30,842	1,801	—	837,939
Total	$ 147,455	$ 549,218	$ 36,872	$ 82,962	$30,961	$ 1,801	$ —	$849,269

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NOTE 3 – LOANS RECEIVABLE

(continued)

The following tables present information related to impaired loans by class (dollars in thousands):

	Unpaid Principal Balance	Recorded Investment(1)	Allowance for Loan Losses Allocated	Average Recorded Investment(1)	Interest Income Recognized	Cash Basis Interest Recognized
September 30, 2013						
With no related allowance recorded:						
Commercial	$ 943	$ 823	$ —	$ 836	$ 21	$ —
Commercial real estate	4,720	4,385	—	4,511	74	—
Commercial construction	—	—	—	—	—	—
Residential real estate	3,646	3,166	—	3,624	43	—
Home equity lines of credit	233	235	—	237	4	—
Consumer	—	—	—	—	—	—
	9,542	8,609	—	9,208	142	—
With an allowance recorded:						
Commercial	$ 5,092	$ 5,167	$ 1,059	$ 5,234	$ 109	$ 60
Commercial real estate	1,965	2,054	128	2,063	97	—
Commercial construction	—	—	—	—	—	—
Residential real estate	—	—	—	—	—	—
Home equity lines of credit	—	—	—	—	—	—
Consumer	—	—	—	—	—	—
	7,057	7,221	1,187	7,297	206	60
Total	$ 16,599	$ 15,830	$ 1,187	$ 16,505	$ 348	$ 60
December 31, 2012						
With no related allowance recorded:						
Commercial	$ 273	$ 291	$ —	$ 285	$ —	$ —
Commercial real estate	1,705	1,738	—	1,354	46	—
Commercial construction	—	—	—	—	—	—

Residential real estate	2,995	3,196	—	3,047	119	—
Home equity lines of credit	119	125	—	121	7	—
Consumer	—	—	—	—	—	—
	5,092	5,350	—	4,807	172	—
With an allowance recorded:						
Commercial	$ 2,851	$ 2,984	$ 165	$ 2,895	$ 135	$ 33
Commercial real estate	2,992	3,206	1,006	3,200	26	—
Commercial construction	395	424	27	414	29	—
Residential real estate	—	—	—	—	—	—
Home equity lines of credit	—	—	—	—	—	—
Consumer	—	—	—	—	—	—
	6,238	6,614	1,198	6,509	190	33
Total	$ 11,330	$ 11,964	$ 1,198	$ 11,316	$ 362	$ 33

(1) The recorded investment in loans include accrued interest receivable and other capitalized costs such as real estate taxes paid on behalf of the borrower and loan origination fees, net.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 3 – LOANS RECEIVABLE

(continued)

The following table presents nonaccrual and loans past due 90 days or greater and still accruing by class of loans (dollars in thousands):

	Nonaccrual		Loans past Due 90 Days or Greater Still Accruing	
	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
Commercial	$3,662	$ 3,124	$—	$ —
Commercial real estate	2,452	2,446	—	—
Commercial construction	—	—	—	—
Residential real estate	2,477	2,369	—	—
Home equity lines of credit	231	—	539	—
Consumer	—	—	—	—
Total	$8,822	$ 7,939	$539	$ —

The following tables present past due and current loans by the loan portfolio class (dollars in thousands):

	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	90 Days or Greater Past Due	Total Past Due	Current	Total Gross Loans
September 30, 2013						
Commercial	$—	$—	$817	$817	$185,355	$186,172
Commercial real estate	—	—	2,452	2,452	670,275	672,727
Commercial construction	—	—	—	—	52,371	52,371
Residential real estate	—	638	2,477	3,115	83,998	87,113

Home equity lines of credit	—	—	770	770	31,505	32,275
Consumer	1	—	—	1	1,586	1,587
Total	$1	$638	$6,516	$7,155	$1,025,090	$1,032,245
December 31, 2012						
Commercial	$—	$—	$273	$273	$147,182	$147,455
Commercial real estate	—	142	2,446	2,588	546,630	549,218
Commercial construction	—	—	—	—	36,872	36,872
Residential real estate	1,769	—	2,369	4,138	78,824	82,962
Home equity lines of credit	35	—	—	35	30,926	30,961
Consumer	—	—	—	—	1,801	1,801
Total	$1,804	$142	$5,088	$7,034	$842,235	$849,269

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NOTE 3 – LOANS RECEIVABLE

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There were no troubled debt restructurings that occurred during the quarters ended and the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012. There were no troubled debt restructurings for which there was a payment default within twelve months following the modification during the quarters ended and the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012. A loan is considered to be in payment default once it is 90 days contractually past due under the modified terms.

Credit Quality Indicators

The Bank categorizes loans into risk categories based on relevant information about the quality and realizable value of collateral, if any, and the ability of borrowers to service their debts such as: current financial information, historical payment experience, credit documentation, public information, and current economic trends, among other factors. The Bank analyzes loans individually by classifying the loans as to credit risk. This analysis is performed whenever a credit is extended, renewed or modified, or when an observable event occurs indicating a potential decline in credit quality, and no less than annually for large balance loans. The Bank used the following definitions for risk ratings:

Special Mention: Loans classified as special mention have a potential weakness that deserves management's close attention. If left uncorrected, these potential weaknesses may result in deterioration of the repayment prospects for the loan or the Bank's credit position at some future date.

Substandard: Loans classified as substandard are inadequately protected by the current sound worth and paying capacity of the obligor or of the collateral pledged, if any. Loans so classified have a well-defined weakness or weaknesses that jeopardize the repayment and liquidation of the debt. They are characterized by the distinct possibility that the Bank will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected. Normal payment from the borrower is in jeopardy, although loss of principal, while still possible, is not imminent.

Doubtful: Loans classified as doubtful have all the weaknesses inherent in those classified as Substandard, with the added characteristic that the weaknesses make collection or liquidation in full, on the basis of currently known facts,

conditions, and values, highly questionable and improbable.

The following table presents the risk category of loans by class of loans based on the most recent analysis performed as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 (dollars in thousands):

	Pass	Special Mention	Substandard	Doubtful	Total
September 30, 2013					
Commercial	$165,086	$14,439	$ 6,647	$ —	$186,172
Commercial real estate	658,854	3,487	10,386	—	672,727
Commercial construction	52,038	—	333	—	52,371
Total	$875,978	$17,926	$ 17,366	$ —	$911,270

	Pass	Special Mention	Substandard	Doubtful	Total
December 31, 2012					
Commercial	$131,887	$11,733	$ 3,835	$ —	$147,455
Commercial real estate	529,453	6,602	13,163	—	549,218
Commercial construction	35,985	—	887	—	36,872
Total	$697,325	$18,335	$ 17,885	$ —	$733,545

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Residential real estate, home equity lines of credit, and consumer loans are not rated. The Company evaluates credit quality of those loans by aging status of the loan and by payment activity, which was previously presented.

The following table presents the activity in the Company's allowance for loan losses by class of loans (dollars in thousands):

	Commercial	Commercial Real Estate	Commercial Construction	Residential Real Estate	Home Equity Lines of Credit	Consumer	Unallocated	Total
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013:								
Allowance for loan losses:								
Beginning balance at 1/1/13	$ 2,402	$ 7,718	$ 660	$ 1,542	$ 617	$ 41	$ 266	$ 13,246
Charge-offs	—	(1,059)	—	(506)	(188)	(3)	—	(1,756)
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Provision for loan losses	1,426	1,390	(31)	306	212	(3)	(125)	3,175
Total ending balance	$ 3,828	$ 8,049	$ 629	$ 1,342	$ 641	$ 36	$ 141	$ 14,666
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012:								
Allowance for loan losses:								
Beginning balance at 1/1/12	$ 653	$ 5,658	$ 447	$ 2,517	$ 339	$ 3	$ —	$ 9,617
Charge-offs	(224)	—	(16)	—	—	—	—	(240)
Recoveries	—	1	—	—	—	30	—	31
Provision for loan losses	1,157	1,261	87	169	182	(16)	—	2,840
Total ending balance	$ 1,586	$ 6,920	$ 518	$ 2,686	$ 521	$ 17	$ —	$ 12,248

	Commercial	Consumer	Unallocated	Total

	Commercial Real Estate	Commercial Construction	Residential Real Estate	Home Equity Lines of Credit			
Three Months Ended September 30, 2013:							
Allowance for loan losses:							
Beginning balance at 7/1/13	$ 3,244	$ 7,549	$ 370	$ 1,564	$ 625	$ 33	$ 252	$ 13,637
Charge-offs	—	—	—	(506)	(109)	—	—	(615)
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Provision for loan losses	584	500	259	284	125	2	(111)	1,643
Total ending balance	$ 3,828	$ 8,049	$ 629	$ 1,342	$ 641	$ 36	$ 141	$ 14,666
Three Months Ended September 30, 2012:								
Allowance for loan losses:								
Beginning balance at 7/1/12	$ 2,076	$ 6,198	$ 925	$ 1,707	$ 381	$ 11	$ —	$ 11,298
Charge-offs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Provision for loan losses	(490)	722	(407)	979	140	6	—	950
Total ending balance	$ 1,586	$ 6,920	$ 518	$ 2,686	$ 521	$ 17	$ —	$ 12,248

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NOTE 4 - STOCK OPTION PLANS AND EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN

At September 30, 2013, there were 148,656 shares available for awards under the Company's equity plans. Awards may be in the form of options, restricted stock or other equity awards. A summary of the stock option activity in the Company's equity plans for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 are as follows:

	Shares	Weighted Average Exercised Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractural Term (Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Oustanding at January 1, 2013	300,438	$ 12.32		
Granted	—	—		
Exercised	—			
Forfeited	—	—		
Expired	—	—		
Oustanding at September 30, 2013	300,438	$ 12.32	$ 3.65	$6,847,345
Fully vested and expected to vest	300,438	$ 12.32	$ 3.65	$6,847,345
Exercisable at September 30, 2013	286,687	$ 12.04	$ 3.43	$6,617,932

As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, there was $13,000 and $4,200, respectively, of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested stock options granted under the Company's plan. The cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of three months. Aggregate intrinsic value is based on $35.11, which was the closing market price of our common stock at September 30, 2013.

In conjunction with the Company's equity plans , the Company granted restricted shares to certain executive officers. Compensation expense is recognized over the vesting period of the awards based on the fair value of the stock at issue date. The fair value of the stock was based on the book value of stock on the date of the award. Generally, grants of restricted shares vest one-third, each, on the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date.

A summary of changes in the Company's nonvested restricted shares for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 is as follows:

	Shares	Weighted-Average Grant-date Fair Value
Nonvested at December 31, 2012	10,075	$ 18.26
Granted	14,925	
Vested	(4,891)	
Expired	—	
Nonvested at September 30, 2013	20,109	$ 21.92

As of September 30, 2013, there was $330,000 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested shares granted under the plans. The cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 14.5 months. The total fair value of shares vested was $0 and $98,000 for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 and for the first nine months of 2013, respectively.

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NOTE 4 - STOCK OPTION PLANS AND EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN

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On August 7, 2013, the Company granted to various key employees performance unit awards, with each unit entitling the holder to one share of the Company's common stock contingent upon the Company meeting or exceeding certain return on asset targets over the course of a three-year period commencing July 1, 2013. Under the agreement, and assuming the Company has met or exceeded the applicable targets, grants of performance unit awards will vest one-third, each, on the third, fourth and fifth anniversaries of the grant date. At September 30, 2013, the specific number of performance unit awards that were expected to vest was 68,250, determined by actual performance in consideration of the established range of the performance targets, which is consistent with the level of expense currently being recognized over the vesting period. Should this expectation change, additional compensation expense could be recorded in future periods or previously recognized expense could be reversed. The maximum amount of performance unit awards is 102,375.

A summary of the status of unearned performance unit awards and the change during the period is presented in the table below:

	Shares	Weighted-Average Grant-date Fair Value
Unearned at January 1, 2013	—	$ —
Awarded	68,250	32.35
Forfeited	—	—
Expired	—	—
Unearned at September 30, 2013	68,250	$ 32.64

The company recognized $96,000 in stock-based compensation expenses for services rendered for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. At September 30, 2013, compensation cost of $2,100,000 related to nonvested awards not yet recognized is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 3.8 years.

NOTE 5 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS AND FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Management uses its best judgment in estimating the fair value of the Company's financial instruments; however, there are inherent weaknesses in any estimation technique. The estimated fair value amounts have been measured as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, and have not been re-evaluated or updated for purposes of these consolidated financial statements subsequent to those respective dates. As such, the estimated fair values of these financial instruments subsequent to the respective reporting dates may be different than the amounts reported at each year end.

Fair value is the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. There are three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair values:

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Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date.

Level 2: Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs that reflect a reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

The Company used the following methods and significant assumptions to estimate fair value:

An asset's or liability's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Investment Securities: The fair values for investment securities are determined by quoted market prices, if available (Level 1). For securities where quoted prices are not available, fair values are calculated based on market prices of similar securities (Level 2). For securities where quoted prices or market prices of similar securities are not available, fair values are calculated using discounted cash flows or other market indicators (Level 3). Discounted cash flows are calculated using spread to swap and LIBOR curves that are updated to incorporate loss severities, volatility, credit spread and optionality. During times when trading is more liquid, broker quotes are used (if available) to validate the model. Rating agency and industry research reports as well as defaults and deferrals on individual securities are reviewed and incorporated into the calculations.

Impaired Loans: The fair value of impaired loans with specific allocations of the allowance for loan losses is generally based on recent real estate appraisals. These appraisals may utilize a single valuation approach or a combination of approaches including comparable sales and the income approach. Adjustments are routinely made in the appraisal process by the independent appraisers to adjust for differences between the comparable sales and income data available. Such adjustments are usually significant and typically result in a Level 3 classification of the inputs for determining fair value.

For financial assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis, the fair value measurements by level within the fair value hierarchy used at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 are as follows (dollars in thousands):

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NOTE 5 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS AND FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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Assets and Liabilities Measured on a Recurring Basis

	Fair Value Measurements Using		
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
September 30, 2013			
Securities:			
U.S. Treasury securities	$1,853	$ —	$ —
States and political subdivisions	—	2,863	—
Asset-backed securities:			
Residential mortgages	—	10,311	—
Student loans	—	2,479	—
Equity securities	—	5,944	—
December 31, 2012			
Securities:			
U.S. government sponsored agencies	$—	$ 1,005	$ —
Asset-backed securities:			
Residential mortgages	—	12,029	—
Equity securities	—	6,218	—

Assets and Liabilities Measured on a Non-recurring Basis

Assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis are summarized below (dollars in thousands):

	Fair Value Measurements Using		
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
September 30, 2013			
Impaired loans:			
Commercial real estate	$—	$ —	$ 1,837
December 31, 2012			
Impaired loans:			
Commercial real estate	$—	$ —	$ 2,354

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NOTE 5 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS AND FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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As of September 30, 2013, impaired loans, which have a specific reserve and are measured for impairment using the fair value of the collateral, had an unpaid principal balance of $4,196,000 with a valuation allowance of $428,000, resulting in an additional provision for loan losses of $39,000 and $55,000 for the third quarter and first nine months of 2013, respectively.

As of December 31, 2012, impaired loans, which are measured for impairment using the fair value of the collateral for collateral dependent loans, had an unpaid principal balance of $3,387,000, with a valuation allowance of $1,033,000, resulting in an additional provision for loan losses of $558,000 for the year ended December 31, 2012.

The following table presents quantitative information about Level 3 fair value measurements for financial instruments measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis at September 30, 2013 (dollars in thousands):

	Fair Value	Valuation Technique(s)	Unobservable Input(s)	Discount Range	Weighted Average
Impaired loans:					
Commercial real estate	$1,837	Sales comparison	Adjustments for differences between the comparable sales.	5% - 14%	8%
		Income approach	Adjustments for differences in net operating income expectations.	4%	4%

The following table presents quantitative information about Level 3 fair value measurements for financial instruments measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis at December 31, 2012 (dollars in thousands):

	Fair Value	Valuation Technique(s)	Unobservable Input(s)	Discount Range	Weighted Average
Impaired loans:					
Commercial real estate	$2,354	Sales comparison	Adjustments for differences between the comparable sales.	10% - 25%	20%
		Income approach	Adjustments for differences in net operating income expectations.	4%	4%

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NOTE 5 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS AND FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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The carrying value and estimated fair value of financial instruments as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 are summarized below (dollars in thousands):

		Fair Value Measurements at September 30, 2013 Using		
	Carrying Value	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Financial assets:				
Cash and due from banks	$3,383	$3,383	$ —	$ —
Interest bearing deposits	46,169	46,169	—	—
Securities available for sale	23,450	1,853	21,597	—
Securities held to maturity	1,218	—	1,274	—
Loans receivable, gross	1,031,070	—	—	1,039,918
Accrued interest receivable	3,704	—	86	3,618
Financial liabilities:				
Deposits				
Demand, NOW, money market and savings	$534,786	$534,786	$ —	$ —
Certificates of deposit	362,949	—	364,396	—
Long-term borrowings	97,816	—	101,911	—
Accrued interest payable	2,750	—	2,750	—

	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2012 Using		
	Quoted Prices in Active	Significant Other Observable	Significant Unobservable Inputs

	Carrying Value	Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Inputs (Level 2)	(Level 3)
Financial assets:				
Cash and due from banks	$3,242	$3,242	$ —	$ —
Interest bearing deposits	47,387	47,387	—	—
Securities available for sale	19,252	—	19,252	—
Securities held to maturity	1,985	—	2,084	—
Loans held for sale	405	—	414	—
Loans receivable, gross	846,269	—	—	874,438
Accrued interest receivable	3,361	—	68	3,293
Financial liabilities:				
Deposits				
Demand, NOW, money market and savings	$505,264	$505,264	$ —	$ —
Certificates of deposit	264,054	—	277,614	—
Long-term borrowings	79,568	—	81,703	—
Accrued interest payable	2,803	—	2,803	—

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NOTE 5 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS AND FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

The methods and assumptions, not previously presented, used to estimate fair values for the periods ended September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, are described as follows:

Cash and due from banks: The carrying amounts of cash and short-term instruments approximate fair values and are classified as Level 1.

Loans: Fair value of loans, excluding loans held for sale, is estimated as follows: For variable rate loans that reprice frequently and with no significant change in credit risk, fair values are based on carrying values resulting in a Level 3 classification. Fair values for other loans are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, using interest rates currently being offered for loans with similar terms to borrowers of similar credit quality resulting in a Level 3 classification. Impaired loans are valued at the lower of cost or fair value as described previously.

The methods utilized to estimate the fair value of loans do not necessarily represent an exit price. The fair value of loans held for sale is estimated based upon binding contracts and quotes from third party investors resulting in a Level 2 classification.

Deposits: The fair values disclosed for demand deposits (e.g., interest and non-interest checking, passbook savings, and certain types of money market accounts) are, by definition, equal to the amount payable on demand at the reporting date (i.e., their carrying amount) resulting in a Level 1 classification. The carrying amounts of variable rate, fixed-term money market accounts and certificates of deposit approximate their fair values at the reporting date resulting in a Level 1 classification. Fair values for fixed rate certificates of deposit are estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies interest rates currently being offered on certificates to a schedule of aggregated expected monthly maturities on time deposits resulting in a Level 2 classification.

Long-term borrowings: Long-term borrowings consist of Federal Home Loan Bank of New York borrowings which are estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies interest rates currently being offered to a schedule of aggregated expected monthly Federal Home Loan borrowings maturities.

Accrued interest receivable/payable: The carrying amounts of accrued interest approximate the fair value resulting in a Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 classification.

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NOTE 6 – EARNINGS PER SHARE

The factors used in the earnings per share computation follow (in thousands, except per share data):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Basic:				
Net income available to common stockholders	$2,587	$2,197	$7,420	$5,763
Weighted average common shares outstanding	5,011	3,146	4,692	2,547
Basic earnings per common share	$0.52	$0.70	$1.58	$2.26
Diluted:				
Net income available to common stockholders	$2,587	$2,197	$7,420	$5,763
Add: Preferred dividends	—	2	—	354
Net Income	$2,587	$2,199	$7,420	$6,117
Weighted average common shares outstanding for basic earnings per common share	5,011	3,146	4,692	2,547
Add: Dilutive effects of assumed exercises of stock options	146	99	139	89
Add(Less): Dilutive effects of assumed vesting of performance units	2	—	(2)	—
Add: Dilutive effects of assumed conversion of preferred stock	—	11	—	549
Average shares and dilutive potential common shares	5,159	3,256	4,829	3,185
Diluted earnings per common share	$0.50	$0.68	$1.54	$1.92

There were no stock options that resulted in anti-dilution for the periods presented.

NOTE 7 – INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING OF CONNECTONE BANCORP, INC.

On February 11, 2013 , ConnectOne Bancorp, Inc. (“The Company”) priced 1,600,000 common shares in its IPO at $28.00 per share, and on February 12, 2013, ConnectOne Bancorp common shares began trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market (ticker symbol: CNOB). The Company issued a total of 1,840,000 common shares in its IPO, which included 240,000 common shares issued pursuant to the underwriters’ exercise of their option to purchase additional common shares, on February 21, 2013.

The net proceeds from the IPO were approximately $47.8 million, after deducting the underwriting discount of approximately $3.4 million and approximately $457,000 of expenses.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Some of the statements in this document discuss future expectations, contain projections or results of operations or financial conditions or state other "forward-looking" information. Those statements are subject to known and unknown risk, uncertainties and other factors that could cause the actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by the statements. We based the forward-looking statements on various factors and using numerous assumptions. Important factors that may cause actual results to differ from those contemplated by forward-looking statements include those disclosed under Item 1A – Risk Factors included in the Company's Annual Report Form 10K filed for the year ended December 31, 2012 and the following:

- the success or failure of our efforts to implement our business strategy;
- the effect of changing economic conditions and, in particular, changes in interest rates;
- changes in government regulations, tax rates and similar matters;
- our ability to attract and retain quality employees; and
- other risks which may be described in our future filings with the SEC

We do not promise to update forward-looking information to reflect actual results or changes in assumptions or other factors that could affect those statements.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

"Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," is based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Note 1 to our audited consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K contains a summary of our significant accounting policies. Management believes our policy with respect to the methodology for the determination of the allowance for loan losses involves a higher degree of complexity and requires management to make difficult and subjective judgments which often require assumptions or estimates about highly uncertain matters. Changes in these judgments, assumptions or estimates could materially impact results of operations. This critical policy and its application are periodically reviewed with the Audit Committee and our Board of Directors.

The allowance for loan losses is based upon management's evaluation of the adequacy of the allowance, including an assessment of known and probable incurred losses included in the portfolio, including giving consideration to the size and composition of the loan portfolio, actual loan loss experience, level of delinquencies, detailed analysis of individual loans for which full collectability may not be assured, the existence and estimated net realizable value of

any underlying collateral and guarantees securing the loans, and current economic and market conditions. Although management uses the best information available, the level of the allowance for loan losses remains an estimate which is subject to significant judgment and short-term change. Various regulatory agencies, as an integral part of their examination process, periodically review our allowance for loan losses. Such agencies may require us to make additional provisions for loan losses based upon information available to them at the time of their examination. Furthermore, the majority of our loans are secured by real estate in the State of New Jersey. Accordingly, the collectability of a substantial portion of the carrying value of our loan portfolio is susceptible to changes in local market conditions and may be adversely affected by declines in real estate values, or if the Central or Northern areas of New Jersey experience an adverse economic shock. Future adjustments to the allowance for loan losses may be necessary due to economic, operating, regulatory and other conditions beyond our control.

Operating Results Overview

Net income for the third quarter of 2013 was $2.6 million, an increase of $0.4 million, or 17.8%, compared to net income of $2.2 million in the third quarter of 2012. Diluted earnings per share were $0.50 for the third quarter of 2013, a decline from $0.68 for the third quarter of 2012. Net income for the first nine months of 2013 was $7.4 million, an increase of $1.3 million, or 21.3%, compared to net income of $6.1 million in the first nine months of 2012. Net income available to common shareholders for the first nine months of 2013 was $7.4 million, an increase of $1.7 million, or 28.8%, compared to net income available to common shareholders of $5.8 million in the first nine months of 2012. Diluted earnings per share were $1.54 for the first nine months of 2013, a decline from $1.92 for the first nine months of 2012.

Net income available to common shareholders and diluted earnings per share in 2012 were impacted by three series of convertible preferred stock issued at various times between 2009 and 2012. During 2012, all three series of preferred stock were converted into common shares and, as of December 31, 2012, stockholders' equity was comprised solely of common equity. In addition, earnings per share in 2013 were impacted by the issuance of 1.8 million shares in the first quarter of 2013 as part of our initial public offering.

The increases in net income and net income available to common shareholders were primarily attributable to significant increases in net interest income due to the Company's rapid growth in loans and deposits, and in its customer base. Partially offsetting the revenue increases were higher noninterest expenses, largely staff-related, commensurate with the Company's growing infrastructure. Credit costs have kept pace with both loan growth and a changing mix in the loan portfolio, while benefitting from an improving economy and overall sound credit quality.

Net Interest Income

Fully taxable equivalent ("FTE") net interest income for the third quarter of 2013 totaled $10.6 million, an increase of $1.9 million, or 21.7%, from the year ago quarter. The increase in net interest income was primarily due to an increase in average interest-earning assets, which grew by 24.2% to $1.1 billion, and was partially offset by an 8 basis points contraction in the net interest margin, from 4.01% in the third quarter of 2012 to 3.93% in the third quarter of 2013. Average total loans increased by 29.7% to $1.0 billion in the third quarter of 2013 from the prior year period. FTE net interest income for the first nine months of 2013 totaled $29.8 million, an increase of $4.5 million, or 18.0%, from the year ago period. The increase in net interest income was primarily due to an increase in average interest-earning assets, which grew by 27.3% to $1.0 billion, and was partially offset by a 31 basis points contraction in the net interest margin, from 4.25% in the first nine months of 2012 to 3.94% in the first nine months of 2013. Average total loans increased by 29.6% to $931.1 million in the first nine months of 2013 from the prior year period. The net interest margin in the current quarter widened slightly, by 4 basis points, from the sequential second quarter of 2013, as prepayment fees increased and the level of low earning cash balances decreased. Management expects net interest income to increase as the loan portfolio grows, although any such increases will likely be moderated by net interest margin compression resulting from the maturity, prepayment or contractual re-pricing of loans and securities in this extended period of low interest rates.

Average Balance Sheets

The following tables sets forth certain information relating to our average assets and liabilities for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, and reflect the average yield on assets and average cost of liabilities for the periods indicated. Such yields are derived by dividing income or expense by the average balance of assets or liabilities, respectively, for the periods shown.

	For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2013			September 30, 2012		
	Average Balance	Interest	Average Rate (7)	Average Balance	Interest	Average Rate (7)
Interest-earning assets:						
Investment securities (1) (2)	$28,589	$218	3.03 %	$28,982	$311	4.27 %
Loans receivable (3) (4)	994,722	11,923	4.76 %	767,164	9,955	5.16 %
Interest-bearing deposits with banks	42,812	25	0.23 %	62,394	23	0.15 %
Total interest-earning assets	1,066,123	12,166	4.53 %	858,540	10,289	4.77 %
Allowance for loan losses	(14,393)			(11,655)		
Non-interest earning assets	28,008			21,826		
Total assets	$1,079,738			$868,711		
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
Savings, NOW, Money Market, Interest Checking	$336,980	242	0.28 %	$306,516	311	0.40 %
Time deposits	342,719	973	1.13 %	213,744	903	1.68 %
Total interest-bearing deposits	679,699	1,215	0.71 %	520,260	1,214	0.93 %
Borrowings	81,218	346	1.69 %	77,871	349	1.78 %
Capital lease obligation	3,141	47	5.94 %	3,233	48	5.91 %
Total interest-bearing liabilities	764,058	1,608	0.83 %	601,364	1,611	1.07 %
Noninterest-bearing deposits	183,381			125,723		
Other liabilities	5,626			3,230		
Stockholders' equity	126,673			66,645		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	$1,079,738			$796,962		
Net interest income/interest rate spread (5)		$10,558	3.69 %		$8,678	3.70 %
Tax equivalent affect		(8)			—	
Net interest income, as reported		$10,550			$8,678	
Net interest margin (6)			3.93 %			4.01 %

(1) Average balances are calculated on amortized cost.
(2) Interest income is presented on a tax equivalent basis using a 35 percent federal tax rate.
(3) Includes loan fee income.
(4) Loans receivable include non-accrual loans.
(5) Represents difference between the average yield on interest earning assets and the average cost of interest bearing liabilities and is presented on a fully tax equivalent basis.

(6) Represents net interest income divided by average total interest-earning assets.
(7) Rates are annualized.

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013			September 30, 2012		
	Average Balance	Interest	Average Rate (7)	Average Balance	Interest	Average Rate (5)
Interest-earning assets:						
Investment securities (1) (2)	$26,747	$592	2.96 %	$32,589	$833	3.41 %
Loans receivable (3) (4)	931,145	33,758	4.85 %	718,270	29,076	5.41 %
Interest-bearing deposits with banks	52,403	80	0.20 %	42,869	53	0.17 %
Total interest-earning assets	1,010,295	34,430	4.56 %	793,728	29,962	5.04 %
Allowance for loan losses	(13,955)			(10,721)		
Non-interest earning assets	21,953			23,019		
Total assets	$1,018,293			$806,026		
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
Savings, NOW, Money Market, Interest Checking	$332,451	758	0.30 %	$307,671	1,101	0.48 %
Time deposits	308,581	2,752	1.19 %	218,112	2,478	1.52 %
Total interest-bearing deposits	641,032	3,510	0.73 %	525,783	3,579	0.91 %
Borrowings	78,079	1,010	1.73 %	76,728	1,001	1.74 %
Capital lease obligation	3,160	142	6.01 %	3,233	145	5.99 %
Total interest-bearing liabilities	722,271	4,662	0.86 %	605,744	4,725	1.04 %
Noninterest-bearing deposits	181,641			130,617		
Other liabilities	4,725			4,139		
Stockholders' equity	109,656			65,526		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	$1,018,293			$806,026		
Net interest income/interest rate spread (5)		$29,768	3.69 %		$25,237	4.00 %
Tax equivalent affect		(8)			—	
Net interest income, as reported		$29,760			$25,237	
Net interest margin (6)			3.94 %			4.25 %

(1) Average balances are calculated on amortized cost.
(2) Interest income is presented on a tax equivalent basis using a 35 percent federal tax rate.
(3) Includes loan fee income.
(4) Loans receivable include non-accrual loans.
(5) Represents difference between the average yield on interest earning assets and the average cost of interest bearing liabilities and is presented on a fully tax equivalent basis.
(6) Represents net interest income divided by average total interest-earning assets.
(7) Rates are annualized.

Provision for Loan Losses

In determining the provision for loan losses, management considers national and local economic trends and conditions; trends in the portfolio including orientation to specific loan types or industries; experience, ability and depth of lending management in relation to the complexity of the portfolio; effects of changes in lending policies,

trends in volume and terms of loans; levels and trends in delinquencies, impaired loans and net charge-offs and the results of independent third party loan and lease review.

The provision for loan losses for the third quarter and first nine months of 2013 was $1.3 million and $3.2 million, respectively, compared to the provision for loan losses of $1.0 million and $2.8 million in the comparable 2012 periods. The provision for loan losses for all periods presented was largely related to loan growth and, to a lesser degree, specific reserves for impaired credits. In addition, the 2013 provision for loan losses benefited from improving economic factors.

Non-Interest Income

Non-interest income represents a relatively small portion of the Bank's total revenue as management has historically made a strategic decision to de-emphasize fee income, focusing instead on customer growth and retention. During the third quarter of 2013, Management made a decision to invest in bank owned life insurance ("BOLI") in order to help offset the rising cost of employee benefits. Life insurance policies, with cash surrender values totaling $15.0 million at September 30, 2013, were purchased at the end of August 2013, and contributing $44,000 of BOLI income to 2013 operating results. Non-interest income totaled $293,000 and $853,000 for the third quarter and first nine months of 2013, respectively, versus $294,000 and $815,000 for the third quarter and first nine months of 2012, respectively. Growth in service and card-related fees, and the aforementioned BOLI income, were essentially offset by declines in gains on sale of residential mortgage loans.

Non-Interest Expense

Non-interest expenses for the third quarter 2013 increased by $0.9 million, or 20.4%, to $5.2 million from $4.3 million in the prior year third quarter. Non-interest expenses for the first nine months of 2013 increased by $2.0 million, or 15.0%, to $14.9 million from $12.9 million in the prior year period. The largest factor contributing to the increases in total non-interest expenses was salaries and employee benefits expense, which increased by $0.6 million to $2.6 million in the third quarter 2013 from $2.0 million in the third quarter 2012, and which increased by $1.3 million to $7.5 million in the first nine months of 2013 from $6.3 million in the first nine months of 2012. The increases were primarily due an increase in the number of full-time equivalent employees and higher incentive-based compensation. Also contributing to higher non-interest expenses were increased costs associated with being a publicly-traded entity, higher legal fees, and a general increase in other operating expenses related to a significantly increased volume of business. Management continues to focus on expense control, balancing its investment in infrastructure with prudent and sustainable growth.

Management continues to focus efforts on supporting growth primarily by adding to staff, investing in technology, and by enhancing risk controls. At the same time, management seeks to contain costs whenever prudent. Our success in this regard is evident in the recent improvements in our efficiency ratio, a widely-followed metric in the banking industry which measures operating expenses as a percentage of net revenue. The ratio is computed by dividing total noninterest expense by the sum of net interest income and noninterest income less securities gains/(losses). The Company's efficiency ratio improved to 48.1% in the third quarter of 2013 from 48.3% in the third quarter of 2012.

Income Taxes

Income tax expense was $1.7 million for the third quarter 2013 and $5.1 million for the first nine months of 2013 versus $1.5 million for the third quarter 2012 and $4.2 million for the first nine months of 2013. The effective tax rate, which is derived from both federal and New Jersey statutory income tax rates, was approximately 40.9% for 2013, an increase from 40.4% for 2012, as the Company's growth and increase in earnings has placed it into the 35% federal

bracket. The increase in statutory rates was offset by an increase in non-taxable revenue in the third quarter of 2013. The Company's effective tax rate is projected to decline in future periods by approximately 5 percentage points, resulting from a combination of an increase in revenue from non-taxable sources and a reorganized operating structure.

Financial Condition Overview

At September 30, 2013, total assets were $1.1 billion, a $200.0 million increase from December 31, 2012. The increase in total assets was due primarily to a $182.2 million increase, to $1,031.1 million, in loans receivable, a $15 million investment into Bank owned life insurance and a $3.4 million increase, to $24.7 million, in securities. The growth in assets was funded by a $128.4 million increase in deposits and $47.8 million in net proceeds from our first quarter 2013 initial public equity offering.

Stockholders' Equity

Stockholders' equity totaled $127.2 million as of September 30, 2013, an increase of $54.9 million from $72.4 million as of year-end 2012, due primarily to the Company's first quarter IPO. As of September 30, 2013, the tangible common equity ratio and tangible book value per share were 11.24% and $24.95, respectively. As of December 31, 2012, the Company's tangible common equity ratio and tangible book value per share were 7.76.% and $22.77, respectively. The tangible common equity ratio is calculated by dividing common equity, less goodwill by total assets less goodwill. Tangible book value per share is calculated by dividing common equity, less goodwill, by common shares outstanding.

Capital

The following table summarizes the risk-based and leverage capital ratios for the Company and the Bank as well as the required minimum regulatory capital ratios for the following periods:

	September 30, 2013			December 31, 2012		
	Actual Ratio	Minimum Requirement	Well Capitalized Requirement	Actual Ratio	Minimum Requirement	Well Capitalized Requirement
The Company:						
Leverage ratio	11.76%	4.00%	n/a	7.84%	4.00%	n/a
Tier 1 Risk-based capitalization	12.85%	4.00%	n/a	9.26%	4.00%	n/a
Total Risk-based capitalization	14.28%	8.00%	n/a	10.52%	8.00%	n/a
The Bank:						
Leverage ratio	11.74%	4.00%	5.00%	7.84%	4.00%	5.00%
Tier 1 Risk-based capitalization	12.83%	4.00%	6.00%	9.26%	4.00%	6.00%
Total Risk-based capitalization	14.26%	8.00%	10.00%	10.51%	8.00%	10.00%

On July 2, 2013, the Federal Reserve approved final rules that substantially amend the regulatory risk-based capital rules applicable to the Company and the Bank. On July 9, 2013, the FDIC also approved, as an interim final rule, the regulatory capital requirements for U.S. banks, following the actions of the Federal Reserve. The final rules implement the "Basel III" regulatory capital reforms, as well as certain changes required by the Dodd-Frank Act.

The final rules include new risk-based capital and leverage ratios that will be phased in from 2015 to 2019. The rules include a new common equity Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets ratio of 4.5% and a common equity Tier 1 capital conservation buffer of 2.5% of risk-weighted assets, which is in addition to the Tier 1 and Tier 2 risk-based capital requirements. The final rules also raise the minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets from 4.0% to 6.0% and require a minimum leverage ratio of 4.0%. The required minimum ratio of total capital to risk-weighted assets will remain 8.0%. The new risk-based capital requirements (except for the capital conservation buffer) will become effective for the Company on January 1, 2015. The capital conservation buffer will be phased in over four years

beginning on January 1, 2016, with a maximum buffer of 0.625% of risk-weighted assets for 2016, 1.25% for 2017, 1.875% for 2018, and 2.5% for 2019 and thereafter. Failure to maintain the required capital conservation buffer will result in limitations on capital distributions and on discretionary bonuses to executive officers.

The following chart compares the risk-based capital ratios required under existing Federal Reserve rules to those prescribed under the new final rules under the phase-in period described above:

	Current Rules	Final Rules
Common Equity Tier 1	n/a	4.5%
Additional Tier 1	n/a	1.5%
Tier 1	4.0 %	n/a
Tier 2	4.0 %	2.0%
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital Conservation Buffer	n/a	2.5%

The final rules also implement revisions and clarifications consistent with Basel III regarding the various components of Tier 1 capital, including common equity, unrealized gains and losses and instruments that will no longer qualify as Tier 1 capital. The final rules provide that depository holding companies with less than $15 billion in total assets as of December 31, 2009, such as the Company, may permanently include trust preferred securities and certain other non-qualifying instruments issued and included in Tier 1 or Tier 2 capital before May 19, 2010 in additional Tier 1 (subject to a maximum of 25% of Tier 1 capital) or Tier 2 capital until maturity or redemption.

The final rules also set forth certain changes for the calculation of risk-weighted assets that the Company will be required to implement beginning January 1, 2015. Management is currently evaluating the provisions of the final rules and their expected impact on the Company. Based on the Company's current capital composition and levels, management does not presently anticipate that the final rules present a material risk to the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

Except as set forth above, management is not aware of any other events or uncertainties that are reasonably likely to have a material effect on the Company's liquidity, capital resources or operations.

Loan Portfolio

The Bank's lending activities are generally oriented to small-to-medium sized businesses, high net worth individuals, professional practices and consumer and retail customers living and working in the Bank's market area of Hudson, Bergen and Monmouth Counties, New Jersey. The Bank has not made loans to borrowers outside of the United States. The Bank believes that its strategy of high-quality customer service, competitive rate structures and selective marketing have enabled it to gain market entry.

Commercial loans are loans made for business purposes and are primarily secured by collateral such as cash balances with the Bank, marketable securities held by or under the control of the Bank, business assets including accounts receivable, taxi medallions, inventory and equipment and liens on commercial and residential real estate. Commercial construction loans are loans to finance the construction of commercial or residential properties secured by first liens on such properties. Commercial real estate loans include loans secured by first liens on completed commercial properties, including multi-family properties, to purchase or refinance such properties. Residential mortgages include loans secured by first liens on residential real estate, and are generally made to existing customers of the Bank to purchase or refinance primary and secondary residences. Home equity loans and lines of credit include loans secured by first or second liens on residential real estate for primary or secondary residences. Consumer loans are made to individuals who qualify for auto loans, cash reserve, credit cards and installment loans.

The following table sets forth the classification of our gross loans held for investment by loan portfolio class as of the periods indicated:

(dollars in thousands)	September 30, 2013 Amount	Percent of Total		December 31, 2012 Amount	Percent of Total	
Commercial	$186,172	18.0	%	$147,455	17.4	%
Commercial real estate	672,727	65.2	%	549,218	64.7	%
Commercial construction	52,371	5.1	%	36,872	4.3	%
Residential real estate	87,113	8.4	%	82,962	9.8	%
Home equity	32,275	3.1	%	30,961	3.6	%
Consumer	1,587	0.2	%	1,801	0.2	%
Total gross loans	$1,032,245	100.0	%	$849,269	100.0	%

Asset Quality

Nonperforming assets totaled $10.1 million at September 30, 2013, up from $8.4 million at year-end 2012, but remained steady at 0.90% of total assets. The allowance for loan losses was $14.7 million, representing 1.42% of loans receivable and 166.2% of nonaccrual loans at September 30, 2013. At year-end 2012, the allowance was $13.2 million representing 1.56% of loans receivable and 166.8% of nonaccrual loans. There were $0.6 million and $1.8 million in net charge-offs recorded during the third quarter and first nine months of 2013, representing an annualized rate of 0.25% for both the third quarter and first nine months of 2013.

The following table sets forth information concerning our non-performing assets, TDRs, and past-due accruing loans as of the periods indicated:

(dollars in thousands)	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
Nonaccrual loans	8,822	7,939
Other real estate owned	1,303	433
Total non-performing assets (1)	$ 10,125	$ 8,372
Loans past due 90 days and still accruing	$ 539	$ —
Performing troubled debt restructured loans	$ 2,942	$ 2,996
Nonaccrual loans to loans receivable	0.86 %	0.93 %
Nonperforming assets to total assets (1)	0.90 %	0.90 %
Allowance for loan losses to loans receivable	1.42 %	1.56 %
Allowance for loan losses to non-accrual loans	166.2 %	166.8 %
Net loan charge-offs to average loans	0.25 %	0.05 %

Allowance for Loan Losses

The following is a summary of the reconciliation of the allowance for loan losses for the periods indicated:

(dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended September 30, 2013	Three Months Ended September 30, 2012	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012
Balance at beginning of period	$ 13,637	$ 11,298	$ 13,246	$ 9,617
Provision charged to operating expenses	1,635	950	3,175	2,840
Recoveries of loans previously charged-off:				
Commercial	—	—	—	1
Consumer	1	—	1	30

Residential real estate	—	—	—	—
Total recoveries	1	—	1	31
Loans charged-off:				
Commercial	(615)	—	(1,059)	(240)
Consumer	—	—	(191)	—
Residential real estate	—	—	(506)	—
Total charge-offs	(615)	—	(1,756)	(240)
Net (charge-offs)/recoveries	(614)	—	(1,755)	(209)
Balance at end of period	$ 14,658	$ 12,248	$ 14,666	$ 12,248
Net charge-offs to average loans outstanding	0.25%	0.00%	0.25%	0.04%
Allowance for loan losses to total loans	1.42%	1.52%	1.42%	1.52%

Liquidity

Liquidity is a measure of a bank's ability to fund loans, withdrawals or maturities of deposits, and other cash outflows in a cost-effective manner. Our principal sources of funds are deposits, scheduled amortization and prepayments of loan principal, maturities of investment securities, and funds provided by operations. While scheduled loan payments and maturing investments are relatively predictable sources of funds, deposit flow and loan prepayments are greatly influenced by general interest rates, economic conditions and competition.

At September 30, 2013, the amount of liquid assets remained at a level management deemed adequate to ensure that, on a short and long-term basis, contractual liabilities, depositors' withdrawal requirements, and other operational and customer credit needs could be satisfied. As of September 30, 2013, liquid assets (cash and due from banks, interest-bearing deposits with banks and unencumbered investment securities) were $74.0 million, which represented 6.5% of total assets and 8.2% of total deposits and borrowings, compared to $71.5 million at December 31, 2012, which represented 7.7% of total assets and 9.3% of total deposits and borrowings on such date.

The Bank is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York and, based on available qualified collateral as of September 30, 2013, had the ability to borrow $404.6 million. In addition, at September 30, 2013, the Bank had in place additional borrowing capacity of $18.0 million through correspondent banks. The Bank also has a credit facility established with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for direct discount window borrowings, although no collateral was pledged at year-end 2012. At September 30, 2013, the Bank had aggregate available and unused credit of $324.7 million, which represents the aforementioned facilities totaling $422.6 million net of $97.8 million in outstanding borrowings. At September 30, 2013, outstanding commitments for the Bank to extend credit were $169.3 million.

Cash and cash equivalents totaled $49.6 million on September 30, 2013, decreasing by $1.1 million or 2.1%, from $50.6 million at December 31, 2012. Operating activities provided $10.7 million in net cash. Investing activities used $206.1 million in net cash, primarily reflecting an increase in loans. Financing activities provided $194.3 million in net cash, primarily reflecting a net increase of $128.4 million in deposits and net proceeds of $47.8 million from our initial public offering, partially offset by net repayments of $17.8 million long-term borrowings.

Interest Rate Sensitivity Analysis

The principal objective of our asset and liability management function is to evaluate the interest-rate risk included in certain balance sheet accounts; determine the level of risk appropriate given our business focus, operating environment, and capital and liquidity requirements; establish prudent asset concentration guidelines; and manage the risk consistent with Board approved guidelines. We seek to reduce the vulnerability of our operations to changes in interest rates, and actions in this regard are taken under the guidance of the Bank's Asset Liability Committee (the "ALCO"). The ALCO generally reviews our liquidity, cash flow needs, maturities of investments, deposits and borrowings, and current market conditions and interest rates.

We currently utilize net interest income simulation and economic value of portfolio equity ("EVPE") models to measure the potential impact to the Bank of future changes in interest rates. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 the results of the models were within guidelines prescribed by our Board of Directors. If model results were to fall outside prescribed ranges, action, including additional monitoring and reporting to the Board, would be required by the ALCO and Bank's management.

The net interest income simulation model attempts to measure the change in net interest income over the next one-year period, and the next three-year period on a cumulative basis, assuming certain changes in the general level of interest rates.

In our model, which was run as of September 30, 2013, we estimated that, over the next one-year period, a 200 basis-point increase in the general level of interest rates will decrease our net interest income by 2.6%, while a 100 basis-point decrease in interest rates will increase net interest income by 1.6%. As of December 31, 2012, we estimated that, over the next one-year period, a 200 basis-point increase in the general level of interest rates will decrease our net interest income by 1.6%, while a 100 basis-point decrease in the general level of interest rates will decrease our interest rates by 0.5%.

In our model, which was run as of September 30, 2013, we estimated that, over the next three years on a cumulative basis, a 200 basis-point increase in the general level of interest rates will decrease our net interest income by 3.5%, while a 100 basis-point decrease in interest rates will also decrease net interest income by 3.0%. As of December 31, 2012, we estimated that, over the next three years on a cumulative basis, a 200 basis-point increase in the general level of interest rates will decrease our net interest income by 0.9%, while a 100 basis-point decrease in interest rates will decrease net interest income by 2.8%.

An EVPE analysis is also used to dynamically model the present value of asset and liability cash flows with rate shocks of up 200 basis points and down 100 basis points. The economic value of equity is likely to be different as interest rates change. Our EVPE as of September 30, 2013, would decline by 19.34% with a rate shock of up 200 basis points, and increase by 11.28% with a rate shock of down 100 basis points. Our EVPE as of December 31, 2012, would decline by 19.37% with a rate shock of up 200 basis points, and increase by 9.73% with a rate shock of down 100 basis points.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Interest Rate Risk Management

Interest rate risk management is our primary market risk. See Item 2—"Management's Discussion and Analysis—Interest Rate Sensitivity Analysis" herein for a discussion of our management of our interest rate risk.

Inflation Risk Management

Inflation has an important impact on the growth of total assets in the banking industry and causes a need to increase equity capital higher than normal levels in order to maintain an appropriate equity-to-assets ratio. We cope with the effects of inflation by managing our interest rate sensitivity position through our asset/liability management program, and by periodically adjusting our pricing of services and banking products to take into consideration current costs.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

(a) **Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures**:

The Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-15. Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that as of the end of the period reported on in this report, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective in timely alerting them to material information relating to the Company (including its consolidated subsidiaries) required to be included in the Company's periodic SEC filings.

(b) **Changes in internal controls**:

There has been no change in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting during the quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II – OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

The Company and the Bank are periodically involved in various legal proceedings as a normal incident to their businesses. In the opinion of management, no material loss is expected from any such pending lawsuit.

Item 1a. Risk Factors

See Item 1A to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 for the information required by this item.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

None.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

Not applicable.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

Not applicable.

Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibits

Exhibit 31.1 – Certification of Frank Sorrentino III pursuant to SEC Rule 13a-14(a)

Exhibit 31.2 – Certification of William S. Burns pursuant to SEC Rule 13a-14(a)

Exhibit 32 - Certification Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

101	The following materials from ConnectOne Bancorp, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2013, formatted in eXtensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL): (i) Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) the Consolidated Statements of Income, (iii) the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity, (v) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (vi) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.
101.INS**	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH**	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema
101.CAL**	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase
101.DEF**	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase
101.LAB**	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase
101.PRE**	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase

** Pursuant to Rule 406T of Regulation S-T, these interactive data files are deemed not filed or part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of Section 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933 or Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and otherwise are not subject to liability.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

CONNECTONE BANCORP, INC.

Date: November 8, 2013 By: /s/ William S. Burns

William S. Burns
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer