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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Muto Allan A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ESSA Bancorp, Inc. [ESSA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)			
200 PALMER	STREET		(Month/Day/Year) 03/07/2018	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP and CFO			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
STROUDSBU	JRG, PA 18	360	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/07/2018		M	4,025	A	\$ 12.35	90,709 (2) (3) (4)	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2018		S	4,025	D	\$ 14.4	86,684 (2) (3) (4)	D	
Common Stock	03/08/2018		M	7,919	A	\$ 12.35	94,603 <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u>	D	
Common Stock	03/08/2018		S	7,919	D	\$ 14.4	86,684 (2) (3) (4)	D	
Common Stock							10,324 (1)	I	By 401(k)

Common Stock

12,311 (1) I

By ESOP

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number tion Derivative Securities) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 12.35	03/07/2018		M		4,025	05/23/2009	05/23/2018	Common Stock	4,025
Stock Options	\$ 12.35	03/08/2018		M		7,919	05/23/2009	05/23/2018	Common Stock	7,919

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Muto Allan A

200 PALMER STREET EVP and CFO

STROUDSBURG, PA 18360

Signatures

/s/ Marc P. Levy, pursuant to power of

03/09/2018 attorney

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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- (2) Includes shares of restricted stock which vest at a rate of 25% per year commencing on September 30, 2016.
- (3) Includes shares of restricted stock which vest at a rate of 25% per year commencing on September 30, 2017.
- (4) Includes shares of restricted stock which vest at a rate of 25% per year commencing on September 30, 2018.

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