

Hass Douglas
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Hass Douglas

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O LIFEWAY FOODS, INC., 6431
W. OAKTON STREET

(Street)

MORTON GROVE, IL 60053

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
LIFEWAY FOODS INC [LWAY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/28/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock, no par value | 03/28/2018 | | A | | 6,622 ⁽¹⁾ \$ 0 7,859 | D | |
| Common Stock, no par value | 03/28/2018 | | F | | 834 ⁽²⁾ \$ 6.04 7,025 | D | |

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

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Stock option (Right to buy) | \$ 9.57 | | | | | (3) 07/01/2026 | Common Stock 150 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Hass Douglas C/O LIFEWAY FOODS, INC. 6431 W. OAKTON STREET MORTON GROVE, IL 60053 | | | General Counsel | |

Signatures

/s/ Douglas A. Hass 03/30/2018

**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) Represents a time-based restricted stock award pursuant to the Company's 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan. Of such time-based restricted stock, 2,208 shares vested on March 28, 2018; 2,207 will vest on March 14, 2019; and 2,207 will vest on March 14, 2020, contingent on the Reporting Person's continued service on each applicable vesting date.
 - (2) No stock was sold. In connection with the vesting of 2,208 shares of stock, the Company withheld a total of 834 shares to satisfy a payroll tax liability incident to such vesting.
 - (3) Of such options, 50 are vested; 50 will vest on July 1, 2018; and 50 will vest on July 1, 2019.

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