

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
January 31, 2017

UNITED STATES

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT**

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 30, 2017

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

001-15781

04-3510455

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(State or Other Jurisdiction) (I.R.S. Employer  
(Commission File No.)  
of Incorporation) Identification No.)

24 North Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01201  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (413) 443-5601

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On January 30, 2017, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”), the holding company for Berkshire Bank (the “Bank”), announced its financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2016. The news release containing the financial results is included as Exhibit 99.1 and shall not be deemed “filed” for any purpose.

The Company will conduct a conference call/webcast on January 31, 2017 to discuss the financial results for the quarter. A telephone replay of the call will be available through Tuesday, February 7, 2017. The webcast will be available on the Company’s website for an extended period of time.

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On January 30, 2017, the Company’s Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.21 per share to shareholders of record at the close of business on February 16, 2017 and payable on March 2, 2017. The cash dividend of \$0.21 per share is an increase of 5% from the prior cash dividend.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired. Not applicable.
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.
- (c) Shell Company Transactions. Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

**Exhibit No. Description**

99.1 News Release dated January 30, 2017

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

**Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc.**

DATE: January 31, 2017 By: /s/ Michael P. Daly  
Michael P. Daly  
President and Chief Executive Officer