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NBT BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
January 26, 2005

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 24, 2005

NBT Bancorp Inc.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

0-14703

16-1268674

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(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

52 South Broad Street, Norwich, New York

13815

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (607) 337-2265  
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(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:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.  
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On January 24, 2005, NBT Bancorp Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release describing its results of operations for quarter and year ending December 31, 2004. That press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.  
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Item 8.01 Other Events  
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In connection with the issuance of the press release described in Item 2.02, the Company announced the authorization by the Board of Directors of a new stock repurchase program for up to 1,500,000 shares of the Company's outstanding common stock from time to time as market conditions warrant in open market and privately negotiated transactions. Currently, there are 719,800 shares remaining under a previous authorization that will be superseded by the new repurchase program. The Company also announced a quarterly dividend of \$0.19 per share to be paid on March 15, 2005 to shareholders of record on March 1, 2005.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.  
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- (a) Not Applicable.
- (b) Not Applicable.
- (c) Exhibits.

99.1. Text of Press Release, dated January 24, 2005.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

NBT BANCORP INC.

Date: January 24, 2005

By: /s/ Michael J. Chewens

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 Michael J. Chewens  
 Senior Executive Vice President,  
 Chief Financial Officer and  
 Corporate Secretary

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EXHIBIT INDEX  
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Exhibit No. -----	Description -----
99.1.	Text of Press Release, dated January 24, 2005.

