

STERLING BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
May 07, 2010  
UNITED STATES

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 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) May 6, 2010

Commission File Number: 1-5273-1

**Sterling Bancorp**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

New York  
(State of other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

13-2565216  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

650 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York  
(Address of principal executive offices)

0019-6108  
(Zip Code)

(212) 757- 3300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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On May 6, 2010, the Company announced the declaration of a cash dividend of \$0.09 per common share payable on June 30, 2010 to shareholders of record on June 15, 2010.

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**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 hereunto duly authorized.

**DATE: May 7, 2010**

BY: /s/ John. W. Tietjen  
JOHN W. TIETJEN  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

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