

COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
TARQUINI JOSEPH T JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/ [CBH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
ONE ORCHARD DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/24/2008

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

BERLIN, NJ 08009

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	03/24/2008		M		137,804	A	\$ 10.15
Common Stock	03/24/2008		M		6,300	A	\$ 10.92
Common Stock	03/24/2008		M		6,300	A	\$ 9.64
Common Stock	03/24/2008		M		12,000	A	\$ 15.3
Common Stock	03/24/2008		M		10,000	A	\$ 20.06
							1,048,014
							1,054,314
							1,060,614
							1,072,614
							1,082,614

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Common Stock	03/24/2008	M	10,000	A	\$ 21.4	1,092,614	D	
Common Stock	03/24/2008	M	10,000	A	\$ 29.45	1,102,614	D	
Common Stock	03/24/2008	M	7,500	A	\$ 31.38	1,110,114	D	
Common Stock	03/24/2008	M	3,750	A	\$ 36.37	1,113,864	D	
Common Stock	03/24/2008	M	1,875	A	\$ 33.12	1,115,739	D	
Common Stock	03/24/2008	S	205,529	D	\$ 36.48	910,210	D	
Common Stock						9,392	I	Tarquini Foundation

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount of Number of Shares
Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 10.15	03/24/2008		M	137,804	06/29/1999 06/29/2008	Common Stock 137,804
Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 10.92	03/24/2008		M	6,300	01/19/2000 01/19/2009	Common Stock 6,300
Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 9.64	03/24/2008		M	6,300	12/21/2000 12/21/2009	Common Stock 6,300
Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 15.3	03/24/2008		M	12,000	01/31/2002 01/31/2011	Common Stock 12,000

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Right to Buy <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 20.06	03/24/2008	M	10,000	02/04/2003	02/04/2012	Common Stock	10,000
Right to Buy <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 21.4	03/24/2008	M	10,000	<u>(3)</u>	02/18/2013	Common Stock	10,000
Right to Buy <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 29.45	03/24/2008	M	10,000	<u>(3)</u>	02/03/2014	Common Stock	10,000
Right to Buy <u>(1)</u>	\$ 31.38	03/24/2008	M	7,500	<u>(3)</u>	03/08/2015	Common Stock	7,500
Right to Buy <u>(1)</u>	\$ 36.37	03/24/2008	M	3,750	<u>(4)</u>	03/14/2016	Common Stock	7,500
Right to Buy <u>(1)</u>	\$ 33.12	03/24/2008	M	1,875	<u>(4)</u>	03/20/2017	Common Stock	7,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TARQUINI JOSEPH T JR ONE ORCHARD DRIVE BERLIN, NJ 08009	X			

## Signatures

Joseph T. Tarquini, Jr.	03/26/2008
<u>                    </u> **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) Granted under the Company's 1989 & 1998 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plans, which are 16b-3 plans.
- (2) Reflects the Company's two-for-one stock split, in the form of a 100% stock dividend, that was declared on February 15, 2005.
- (3) Under the original terms, the stock options were exercisable in 25% increments on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th anniversaries of the grant date. In December 2005, the Board of Directors accelerated all unvested stock options to become immediately exercisable.
- (4) The stock options are exercisable in 25% increments on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th anniversaries of the grant date.

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