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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION <br> WASHINGTON, DC 20549

## FORM 10-K

(Mark One)
x ANNUAL REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008
o TRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from $\qquad$ to $\qquad$
Commission file Number: 000-51889
COMMUNITY PARTNERS BANCORP
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

New Jersey
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

20-3700861
IRS Employer Identification Number)

1250 Highway 35 South, Middletown, NJ 07748
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)
(732) 706-9009
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: None
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:
Common Stock, no par value
(Title of Class)
Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities
Act. Yes o No x

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Act. Yes o No $x$
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes $x$ No o

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. x

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| Large accelerated filer | o | Accelerated filer | 0 |
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No x
The aggregate market value of the registrant's common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant, computed by reference to the price at which the common stock was last sold, or the average bid and asked price of such common stock, as of the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second quarter, is $\$ 49,878,242$.

As of March 12, 2009, 6,959,821 shares of the registrant's common stock were outstanding.

## Documents incorporated by reference

Portions of the registrant's definitive Proxy Statement for its 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this report and will be filed within 120 days of December 31, 2008.

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## PART I

## Forward-Looking Statements

When used in this and in future filings by us with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), in our press releases and in oral statements made with the approval of an authorized executive officer of ours, the words or phrases "will," "will likely result," "could," "anticipates," "believes," "continues," "expects," "plans," "will continue," "is anticipated," "estimated," "project" or "outlook" or similar expressions (including confirmations by an authorized executive officer of ours of any such expressions made by a third party with respect to us) are intended to identify forward-looking statements. We wish to caution readers not to place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements, each of which speak only as of the date made. Such statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from historical earnings and those presently anticipated or projected.

Factors that may cause actual results to differ from those results expressed or implied, include, but are not limited to, those listed in this report under the heading "Risk Factors"; the ability of customers to repay their obligations; the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses; developments in the financial services industry and U.S. and global credit markets; changes in the direction of the economy nationally or in New Jersey; changes in interest rates; competition; loss of management and key personnel; government regulation; environmental liability; failure to implement new technologies in our operations; changes in our liquidity; changes in our funding sources, failure of our controls and procedures, disruptions of our operational systems and relationships with vendors. Although management has taken certain steps to mitigate any negative effect of the aforementioned items, significant unfavorable changes could severely impact the assumptions used and have an adverse effect on profitability. Such risks and other aspects of our business and operations are described in Item 1. "Business", Item 1A. "Risk Factors" and Item 7. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" of this report. We have no obligation to publicly release the result of any revisions which may be made to any forward-looking statements to reflect anticipated or unanticipated events or circumstances occurring after the date of such statements.

## Item 1. Business.

The disclosures set forth in this item are qualified by Item 1A. Risk Factors, Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and other statements set forth in this report.

## Community Partners Bancorp

Community Partners Bancorp, which we refer to herein as "Community Partners," the "Company," "we," "us" and "our," is a business corporation organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey in August 2005. The principal place of business of Community Partners is located at 1250 Highway 35 South, Middletown, New Jersey 07748 and its telephone number is (732) 706-9009.

Effective December 31, 2008, Community Partners consolidated its two wholly owned bank subsidiaries, The Town Bank ("Town Bank"), based in Westfield, NJ, and Two River Community Bank ("Two River"), based in Middletown, NJ. The consolidation is part of the Company's plan to streamline operations to pursue further growth opportunities. The two banks have been under common partnership since Community Partners was organized to acquire them, in a transaction that took place in April 2006. The consolidation should create administrative efficiencies and reductions in overhead and costs. For legal and regulatory purposes, there will be only one chartered bank, Two River Community Bank, which we also refer to herein as the "Bank." The Town Bank branches will continue to use the Town Bank name and will operate as a division of Two River Community Bank. The entire branch network comprises 15 branches in Monmouth and Union Counties, New Jersey.

Other than its investment in the Bank, Community Partners currently conducts no other significant business activities. Community Partners may determine to operate its own business or acquire other commercial banks, thrift institutions or bank holding companies, or engage in or acquire such other activities or businesses as may be permitted by applicable law, although it has no present plans or intentions to do so. When we refer to the business conducted by Community Partners in this document, including any lending or other banking activities, we are referring to the business that Community Partners conducts through the Bank.

As of December 31, 2008, the Company had consolidated assets of $\$ 570.2$ million, total deposits of $\$ 474.8$ million and shareholders' equity of $\$ 73.3$ million.

## Employees

As of December 31, 2008, Community Partners had 3 employees, each of whom were full-time employees, and the Bank had a total of 137 employees, of whom 120 were full-time and 17 were part-time. Neither the Company's employees nor the Bank's employees are represented by a union or covered by a collective bargaining agreement. Management of the Company and the Bank believe that, in general, their employee relations are good.

## Two River Community Bank

Two River Community Bank was organized in January 2000 as a New Jersey State chartered commercial bank to engage in the business of commercial and retail banking. As a community bank, the Bank offers a wide range of banking services including demand, savings and time deposits and commercial and consumer/installment loans to small and medium-sized businesses, not-for-profit organizations, professionals and individuals principally in the Monmouth County, New Jersey area. The Bank also offers its customers numerous banking products such as safe deposit boxes, a night depository, wire transfers, money orders, travelers checks, automated teller machines, direct deposit, federal payroll tax deposits, telephone and internet banking and merchant card services. The Bank currently operates 11 banking offices and a non-banking operations facility in Monmouth County, New Jersey. The Bank’s principal banking office is located at 1250 Highway 35 South, Middletown, New Jersey. Other banking offices in Monmouth County are located in Allaire, Atlantic Highlands, Cliffwood, Manasquan, Navesink, Port Monmouth, Red Bank, Tinton Falls (2), and West Long Branch, New Jersey. Our Union County offices operate under the name The Town Bank and are located in Westfield (2), Cranford and Fanwood, New Jersey. Town Bank's primary trade area includes the town of Westfield as well as the immediately contiguous portions of Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside and Scotch Plains in Union County, New Jersey.

We believe that the Bank's customers still want to do business with a banker and that they want to feel that they are important to that banker. To accomplish this objective, we emphasize to our employees the importance of delivering exemplary customer service and seeking out opportunities to build further relationships with the Bank's customers. The Bank's deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") up to the statutory limits.

## Competition

The Bank faces substantial competition for deposits and creditworthy borrowers. It competes with New Jersey and regionally based commercial banks, savings banks and savings and loan associations, as well as national financial institutions, most of which have assets, capital and lending limits greater in amount than that of the Bank. Other competitors include money market mutual funds, mortgage bankers, insurance companies, stock brokerage firms, regulated small loan companies, credit unions and issuers of commercial paper and other securities.

## Products and Services

The Bank offers a full range of banking services to our customers. These services include a wide variety of business and consumer lending products as well as corporate services for businesses and professionals. We offer a range of deposit products including checking, savings and money market accounts plus certificates of deposit. In addition, the Bank participates in the Certificate Account Registry Service or CDARS, a service that enables us to provide our customers with access to up to $\$ 50$ million in FDIC insurance on CD products. Other products and services include remote deposit capture, safe deposit boxes; ACH services; debit and ATM card services and Visa gift cards. Other service products include traveler's checks, money orders, treasurer's checks, and direct deposit facilities. We also offer customers the convenience of a full complement of internet banking services that allow them to check account balances, view account activity, transfer funds, place stop-payment orders, and pay their bills.

## Lending Activities

The Bank engages in a variety of lending activities, which are primarily categorized as either commercial or residential real estate-consumer lending. The strategy is to focus our lending activities on small and medium-sized business customers and retain customers by offering them a wide range of products and personalized service. Commercial and real estate mortgage lending (consisting of commercial real estate, commercial business, construction and other commercial lending, including medical lending and private banking) are currently our main lending focus. Sources to fund loans are derived primarily from deposits, although we do occasionally borrow to fund loan growth or meet deposit outflows.

The Bank presently generates the vast majority of our loans in the State of New Jersey, with a significant portion in Union and Monmouth Counties. Loans are generated through marketing efforts, the Bank's present customers, walk-in customers, referrals, the directors, founders and advisory boards of the Bank. The Bank has been able to maintain a high overall credit quality through the establishment of and adherence to prudent lending policies and practices and sound management. The Bank has an established written loan policy for each of its categories of loans. These loan policies have been adopted by the board of directors and are reviewed annually. Any loan to Bank or Company directors or their affiliates must be reviewed and approved by the Bank's board of directors in accordance with the loan policy for such loans as well as applicable state and federal law. Under our loan policies, approval of affiliate transactions are made only by independent board members.

In managing the growth and quality of the Bank's loan portfolio, we have focused on: (i) the application of prudent underwriting criteria; (ii) the active involvement by senior management and the Bank's board of directors in the loan approval process; (iii) the active monitoring of loans to ensure timely repayment and early detection of potential problems; and (iv) a loan review process by an independent loan review firm, which conducts in-depth reviews of portions of the loan portfolio on a quarterly basis.

Our principal earning assets are loans originated or participated in by the Bank. The risk that certain borrowers will not be able to repay their loans under the existing terms of the loan agreement is inherent in the lending function. Risk elements in a loan portfolio include non-accrual loans, past due and restructured loans, potential problem loans, loan concentrations (by industry or geographically) and other real estate owned, acquired through foreclosure or a deed in lieu of foreclosure. Because the vast majority of the loans are made to borrowers located in Union and Monmouth Counties, New Jersey, each loan or group of loans presents a geographical risk and credit risk based upon the condition of the local economy. The local economy is influenced by conditions such as housing prices, employment conditions and changes in interest rates.

## Construction Loans

We originate fixed-rate and adjustable-rate loans to individuals and builders to finance the construction of residential dwellings. We also make construction loans for commercial development projects, including apartment buildings, restaurants, shopping centers and owner-occupied properties used for businesses. Our construction loans generally provide for the payment of interest only during the construction phase which is usually twelve months for residential properties and twelve to eighteen months for commercial properties. At the end of the construction phase, the loan generally converts to a permanent mortgage loan. Before making a commitment to fund a construction loan, we require an appraisal of the property by a bank approved independent licensed appraiser. We also will require an inspection of the property before disbursement of funds during the term of the construction loan.

Construction financing is generally considered to involve a higher degree of risk of loss than long-term financing on improved, occupied real estate. Risk of loss on a construction loan depends largely upon the accuracy of the initial estimate of the property's value at completion of construction and the estimated cost (including interest) of construction. During the construction phase, a number of factors could result in delays and cost overruns. If the estimate of construction costs proves to be inaccurate, we may be required to advance funds beyond the amount originally committed to permit completion of the building. If the estimate of value proves to be inaccurate, we may be confronted, at or before the maturity of the loan, with a building having a value which is insufficient to assure full repayment. If we are forced to foreclose on a building before or at completion due to a default, there can be no assurance that we will be able to recover all of the unpaid balance of, and accrued interest on, the loan as well as related foreclosure and holding costs.

## Commercial Loans

We make commercial business loans to professionals, sole proprietorships and small businesses in our market area. We extend commercial business loans on a unsecured and secured basis. Secured commercial loans are generally collateralized by nonresidential real estate, marketable securities, accounts receivable, inventory, industrial/commercial machinery and equipment and furniture and fixtures. To further enhance our security position, we generally require personal guarantees of the principal owners of the entities to which we lend. These loans are made on both a line of credit basis and on a fixed-term basis ranging from one to five years in duration. When making commercial business loans, we consider the financial statements and/or tax returns of the borrower, the borrower's payment history of corporate debt and its principal owners' payment history of personal debt, the debt service capabilities of the borrower, the projected cash flows of the business, the viability of the industry in which the customer operates, the value of the collateral and the financial strength of the guarantor.

Commercial real estate loans are made to local commercial, retail and professional firms and individuals for the acquisition of new property or the refinancing of existing property. These loans are typically related to commercial businesses and secured by the underlying real estate used in these businesses or real property of the principals. These loans are generally offered on a fixed or variable rate basis, subject to rate re-adjustments every five years and amortization schedules ranging from 10 to 20 years.

Our established written underwriting guidelines for commercial loans are periodically reviewed and enhanced as needed. Pursuant to these guidelines, in granting commercial loans we look primarily to the borrower's cash flow as the principal source of loan repayment. Collateral and personal guarantees of the principals of the entities to which we lend are consistent with the requirements of our loan policy.

Commercial loans are often larger and may involve greater risks than other types of lending. Because payments on such loans are often dependent on the successful operation of the business involved, repayment of such loans may be more sensitive than other types of loans subject to adverse conditions in the real estate market or the economy. We are also involved with off-balance sheet financial instruments, which include collateralized commercial and standby letters of credit. We seek to minimize these risks through our underwriting guidelines and prudent risk management techniques. Any collateral securing such loans may depreciate over time, may be difficult to appraise and may fluctuate in value. There can be no assurances, however, of success in the efforts to minimize these risks.

Unlike residential mortgage loans, which generally are made on the basis of the borrower's ability to make repayment from his or her employment or other income, and which are secured by real property the value of which tends to be more easily ascertainable, commercial loans are of higher risk and typically are made on the basis of the borrower's ability to make repayment from the cash flow of the borrower's business. As a result, the availability of funds for the repayment of commercial loans may depend substantially on the success of the business itself. Further, any collateral securing such loans may depreciate over time, may be difficult to appraise and may fluctuate in value.

## Residential Real Estate and Consumer Loans

We offer a full range of residential real estate and consumer loans. These loans consist of residential mortgages, home equity lines of credit and loans, personal loans, automobile loans and overdraft protection. We do not offer subprime, Alt-A, low doc or no doc loans. We do not offer loans with negative amortization.

Our home equity revolving lines of credit come with a floating interest rate tied to the prime rate. Lines of credit are available to qualified applicants in amounts up to $\$ 500,000$ for up to 15 years. We also offer fixed rate home equity loans in amounts up to $\$ 350,000$ for a term of up to 20 years. Credit is based on the income and cash flow of the individual borrowers, real estate collateral supporting the mortgage debt and past credit history.

Consumer loans may entail greater risk than do residential mortgage loans, particularly in the case of consumer loans that are unsecured or secured by assets that depreciate rapidly. In such cases, repossessed collateral for a defaulted consumer loan may not provide an adequate source of repayment for the outstanding loan and the remaining deficiency often does not warrant further substantial collection efforts against the borrower. In addition, consumer loan collections depend on the borrower's continuing financial stability, and therefore are more likely to be adversely affected by job loss, divorce, illness or personal bankruptcy. Furthermore, the application of various federal and state laws, including bankruptcy and insolvency laws, may limit the amount that can be recovered on such loans.

## Adjustable-Rate Loans

While we anticipate that adjustable-rate loans will better offset the effects of an increase in interest rates as compared to fixed-rate mortgages, the increased mortgage payments required of adjustable-rate loan borrowers in a rising interest rate environment could cause an increase in delinquencies and defaults. The marketability of the underlying property also may be adversely affected in a high interest rate environment. In addition, although adjustable-rate mortgage loans help make our loan portfolio more responsive to changes in interest rates, the extent of this interest sensitivity is limited by the annual and lifetime interest rate adjustment limits.

## Multi-Family and Nonresidential Real Estate and Land Loans

Loans secured by multi-family and nonresidential real estate generally have larger balances and involve a greater degree of risk than one to four family residential mortgage loans. Of primary concern in multi-family and nonresidential real estate lending is the borrower's creditworthiness and the feasibility and cash flow potential of the project. Payments on loans secured by income properties often depend on successful operation and management of the properties. As a result, in adverse economic conditions, such loans may be subject to greater repayment risk than residential real estate loans. To monitor cash flows on income properties, we require borrowers and loan guarantors of loan relationships to provide annual financial statements and/or tax returns. In reaching a decision on whether to make a multi-family and nonresidential real estate loan, we consider the net operating income of the property, the borrower's expertise, credit history and profitability and the value of the underlying property. We have generally required that the properties securing these real estate loans maintain minimum debt service coverage ratios pursuant to our loan policy. Environmental surveys and inspections are obtained when circumstances suggest the possibility of the presence of hazardous materials.

## Participation Loans

We underwrite all loan participations to our own underwriting standards and will not participate in a loan unless each participant has a substantial interest in the loan relationship with the borrower. In addition, we also consider the financial strength and reputation of the lead lender. To monitor cash flows on loan participations, we require the lead lender to provide annual financial statements for the borrower. Generally, we also conduct an annual internal loan review for loan participations.

## Asset Quality

We believe that high asset quality is a key to long-term financial success. We have sought to grow and diversify the loan portfolio, while maintaining a high level of asset quality and moderate credit risk, using underwriting standards that we believe are conservative, and diligent monitoring and collection efforts. As we continue to grow and leverage our capital, we envision that loans will continue to be our principal earning assets. An inherent risk in lending is the borrower's ability to repay the loan under its existing terms. Risk elements in a loan portfolio include non-accrual loans (as defined below), past due and restructured loans, potential problem loans, loan concentrations and other real estate owned, acquired through foreclosure or a deed in lieu of foreclosure.

Non-performing assets include loans that are not accruing interest (non-accrual loans) as a result of principal or interest being in default for a period of 90 days or more, loans past due 90 days or more and still accruing, and other real estate owned, which consists of real estate acquired as the result of a defaulted loan. When a loan is classified as non-accrual, interest accruals cease and all past due interest is reversed and charged against current income. Until the loan becomes current, any payments received from the borrower are applied to outstanding principal, fees and costs to the Bank, unless we determine that the financial condition of the borrower and other factors merit recognition of such payments as interest. Through portfolio surveillance, management has identified that the majority of the nonperforming loans are primarily located in the Union County, New Jersey area. Management is continuing to work with these borrowers to minimize the risk of loss to the Bank, and has continued to tighten lending standards in an effort to reduce additional nonperforming loans.

We utilize a risk system, as described below under the section titled "Allowance for Loan Losses", as an analytical tool to assess risk and set appropriate reserves. In addition to the risk system, management further evaluates risk characteristics of the loan portfolio under current economic conditions and considers such factors as the financial condition of the borrower, past and expected loss experience, and other factors management feels deserve recognition in establishing an appropriate reserve or reasons which might bear on ultimate collectibility. In addition, the FDIC has a classification system for problem loans and other lower quality assets, classifying them as "substandard," "doubtful" or "loss." A loan is classified as "substandard" when it is inadequately protected by the current value and paying capacity of the obligor or of the collateral pledged, if any. Loans so classified have a well-defined weakness or weaknesses that jeopardize the liquidation of the debt. They are characterized by the distinct possibility that some loss may occur if the deficiencies are not corrected. A loan is classified "doubtful" when it has all the weaknesses inherent in one classified as substandard with the added characteristics that the weaknesses make collection or liquidation in full, on the basis of currently existing factors, conditions, and values, highly questionable and improbable. A loan is classified as "loss" when it is considered uncollectible and of such little value that the asset's continuance as an asset on the balance sheet is not warranted.

In addition to categories for non-accrual loans and loans past due 90 days or more that are still accruing interest, we maintain a list of performing loans where management has identified conditions which potentially could cause such loans to be downgraded into higher risk categories in future periods. Loans on this "watch list" are subject to heightened scrutiny and more frequent review by management.

## Allowance for Loan Losses

We maintain an allowance for loan losses at a level that we believe is adequate to provide for probable losses inherent in the loan portfolio. Loan losses are charged directly to the allowance when they occur and any recovery is credited to the allowance when realized. Risks from the loan portfolio are analyzed on a continuous basis by loan officers, and periodically by our outside independent loan reviewers, directors on the Bank's Loan Committee and the Bank's board of directors as a whole.

The level of the allowance is determined by assigning specific reserves to individually identified problem credits or impaired loans and general reserves on all other loans. The portion of the allowance that is allocated to impaired loans is determined by estimating the inherent loss on each credit after giving consideration to the value of the underlying collateral. A risk system, consisting of multiple grading categories, is utilized as an analytical tool to assess risk and set appropriate general reserves. In addition to the risk system, management further evaluates risk characteristics of the loan portfolio under current and anticipated economic conditions and considers such factors as the financial condition of the borrower, past and expected loss experience, and other factors management feels deserve recognition in establishing an appropriate reserve. These estimates are reviewed at least quarterly, and as adjustments become necessary, they are realized in the periods in which they become known. Additions to the allowance are made by provisions charged to expense and the allowance is reduced by net charge-offs (i.e., loans judged to be uncollectible and charged against the reserve, less any recoveries on such loans).

Although management attempts to maintain the allowance at a level deemed sufficient to cover any losses, future additions to the allowance may be necessary based upon any changes in market conditions. In addition, various regulatory agencies periodically review our allowance for loan losses, and may require us to take additional provisions based on their judgments about information available to them at the time of their examination.

## Risk Management

Managing risk is an essential part of successfully managing a financial institution. Our most prominent risk exposures are credit risk, interest rate risk and market risk. Credit risk is the risk of not collecting the interest and/or the principal balance of a loan or investment when it is due. Interest rate risk is the potential reduction of net interest income as a result of changes in interest rates. Market risk arises from fluctuations in interest rates that may result in changes in the values of financial instruments, such as available-for-sale securities, that are accounted for on a fair value basis. Other risks that we face are operational risks, liquidity risks and reputation risk. Operational risks include risks related to fraud, regulatory compliance, processing errors, technology and disaster recovery. Liquidity risk is the possible inability to fund obligations to depositors, lenders or borrowers. Reputation risk is the risk that negative publicity or press, whether true or not, could cause a decline in our customer base or revenue.

## Credit Risk Management

Our strategy for credit risk management focuses on having well-defined credit policies and uniform underwriting criteria and providing prompt attention to potential problem loans. To further enhance our credit risk management strategy, we engage an industry standard third party loan review firm to provide greater portfolio surveillance. When a borrower fails to make a required loan payment, we take a number of steps to attempt to have the borrower cure the delinquency and restore the loan to current status. When the loan becomes 15 days past due, a late charge notice is generated and sent to the borrower and a series of phone calls are made under payment resolution. If payment is not then received by the 30th day of delinquency, a further notification is sent to the borrower. If no successful workout can be achieved, after a loan becomes 90 days delinquent, we may commence foreclosure or other legal proceedings. If a foreclosure action is instituted and the loan is not brought current, paid in full, or refinanced before the foreclosure sale, the real property securing the loan generally is sold at foreclosure. We may consider loan workout arrangements with certain borrowers under certain circumstances.

Management reports to the Board of Directors monthly regarding the amount of loans delinquent more than 30 days, all loans in foreclosure and all foreclosed and repossessed property that we own.

## Investment Portfolio

Our investment portfolio consists primarily of obligations of U.S. Government sponsored agencies as well as municipal and government authority bonds, with high grade corporate bonds accounting for less than $10 \%$ of the portfolio. Government regulations limit the type and quality of instruments in which the Company may invest its funds.

We conduct our asset/liability management through consultation with members of our board of directors, senior management and an outside financial advisor. The asset/liability investment committee, commonly known as an ALCO committee, is comprised of the president, chief financial officer and certain members of our board of directors. The ALCO committee, in consultation with our board of directors, is responsible for the review of interest rate risk and evaluates future liquidity needs over various time periods.

We have established a written investment policy which is reviewed annually by the ALCO committee and our board of directors that applies to Community Partners and the Bank. The investment policy identifies investment criteria and states specific objectives in terms of risk, interest rate sensitivity and liquidity and emphasizes the quality, term and marketability of the securities acquired for its investment portfolio.

The ALCO committee is responsible for monitoring the investment portfolio and ensuring that investments comply with the investment policy. The ALCO committee may from time to time consult with investment advisors. The Bank's president and its chief financial officer may purchase or sell securities in accordance with the guidelines of the ALCO committee. The board of directors reviews the components of the investment portfolio on a monthly basis.

## Deposit Products

We emphasize relationships with commercial and individual customers and seek to obtain transaction accounts, which are frequently non-interest bearing deposits or lower cost interest bearing checking and money market deposit accounts.

Deposits are the primary source of funds used in lending and other general business purposes. In addition to deposits, we may derive additional funds from principal repayments on loans, the sale of investment securities and borrowings from other financial institutions. Loan amortization payments have historically been a relatively predictable source of funds. The level of deposit liabilities can vary significantly and is influenced by prevailing interest rates, money market conditions, general economic conditions and competition.

The Bank's deposits consist of checking accounts, savings accounts, money market accounts and certificates of deposit. Deposits are obtained from individuals, partnerships, corporations and unincorporated businesses in our market area. The Bank participates in The Certificate Account Registry Service or CDARS, a service that enables us to provide our customers with access to up to $\$ 50$ million in FDIC insurance on CD products. We attempt to control the flow of deposits primarily by pricing our accounts to remain generally competitive with other financial institutions in our market area.

## Business Growth Strategy

Our current plan for growth emphasizes expanding our market presence in the communities located between Union County and Monmouth County, New Jersey by adding strategically located new offices and considering selective acquisitions that would be accretive to earnings within the first full year of combined operations. We believe that this strategy will continue to build shareholder value and increase revenues and earnings per share by creating a larger base of lending and deposit relationships and achieving economies of scale and other efficiencies. Our efforts include opening retail banking offices in Middlesex County, New Jersey and other attractive markets where we have established lending relationships, as well as exploring opportunities to grow and add other profitable banking-related businesses. We believe that by establishing banking offices and making selective acquisitions in attractive growth markets while providing exemplary customer service, our core deposits will naturally increase.

## Supervision and Regulation

## Overview

Community Partners operates within a system of banking laws and regulations intended to protect bank customers and depositors and these laws and regulations govern the permissible operations and management, activities, reserves, loans and investments of the Company.-

Community Partners Bancorp is a bank holding company under the Federal Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 ("BHCA"), as amended by the Financial Modernization Act of 1999, known as the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, and is subject to the supervision of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. In general, the BHCA limits the business of bank holding companies to banking, managing or controlling banks, and performing certain servicing activities for subsidiaries and, as a result of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act amendments, permits bank holding companies that are also financial holding companies to engage in any activity, or acquire and retain the shares of any company engaged in any activity, that is either (1) financial in nature or incidental to such financial activity or (2) complementary to a financial activity and does not pose a substantial risk to the safety and soundness of depository institutions or the financial system generally. In order for a bank holding company to engage in the broader range of activities that are permitted by the BHCA for bank holding companies that are also financial holding companies, upon satisfaction of certain regulatory criteria, the bank holding company must file a declaration with the Federal Reserve Board that it elects to be a "financial holding company." Community Partners does not presently intend to seek a "financial holding company" designation at this time, and does not believe that the current decision not to seek a financial holding company designation will adversely affect its ability to compete in its chosen markets. We believe that seeking such a designation for Community Partners would not position it to compete more effectively in the offering of products and services currently offered by the Bank. Community Partners is also subject to other federal laws and regulations as well as the corporate laws and regulations of New Jersey, the state of its incorporation.

The BHCA prohibits the Company, with certain exceptions, from acquiring direct or indirect ownership or control of more than five percent of the voting shares of any company which is not a bank and from engaging in any business other than that of banking, managing and controlling banks or furnishing services to subsidiary banks. The BHCA requires prior approval by the Federal Reserve Board of the acquisition by the Company of more than five percent of the voting stock of any other bank. Satisfactory capital ratios, Federal Community Reinvestment Act ratings and anti-money laundering policies are generally prerequisites to obtaining federal regulatory approval to make acquisitions.

The Bank is a commercial bank chartered under the laws of the State of New Jersey and is subject to the New Jersey Banking Act of 1948 (the "Banking Act"). As such, it is subject to regulation, supervision and examination by the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance and by the FDIC. Each of these agencies regulates aspects of activities conducted by the Bank and Community Partners, as discussed below. The Bank is not a member of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The following descriptions summarize the key laws and regulations to which the Bank is subject, and to which Community Partners is subject as a registered bank holding company. These descriptions are not intended to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full text of the statutes and regulations. Future changes in these laws and regulations, or in the interpretation and application thereof by their administering agencies, cannot be predicted, but could have a material effect on the business and results of Community Partners and the Bank.

## Troubled Asset Relief Program Capital Purchase Program

In response to the financial crises affecting the banking system and financial markets and going concern threats to investment banks and other financial institutions, on October 3, 2008, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (the "EESA") was signed into law. Pursuant to the EESA, the United States Department of the Treasury (the "Treasury") was given the authority to, among other things, purchase up to $\$ 700$ billion of mortgages, mortgage-backed securities and certain other financial instruments from financial institutions for the purpose of stabilizing and providing liquidity to the U.S. financial markets.

On October 14, 2008, the Secretary of the Treasury announced that the Treasury will purchase equity stakes in a wide variety of banks and thrifts. Under the program, known as the Troubled Asset Relief Program Capital Purchase Program (the "TARP Capital Purchase Program"), from the $\$ 700$ billion authorized by the EESA, the Treasury made $\$ 250$ billion of capital available to U.S. financial institutions in the form of preferred stock. In conjunction with the purchase of preferred stock, the Treasury received, from participating financial institutions, warrants to purchase common stock with an aggregate market price equal to $15 \%$ of the preferred investment. Participating financial institutions were required to adopt the Treasury's standards for executive compensation and corporate governance for the period during which the Treasury holds equity issued under the TARP Capital Purchase Program.

At the invitation of the Treasury, we decided in January 2009 to enter into a Securities Purchase Agreement with the Treasury that provides for our participation in the TARP Capital Purchase Program. On January 30, 2009, the Company issued and sold to the Treasury 9,000 shares of the Company's Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A (the "Senior Preferred Stock"), with a liquidation preference of $\$ 1,000$ per share, and a ten-year warrant to purchase up to 288,462 shares of the Company's common stock at an exercise price of $\$ 4.68$ per share. Under the terms of the TARP Capital Purchase Program, the Treasury's consent will be required for the payment of any cash dividends to common stockholders or the Company's redemption, purchase or acquisition of common stock of the Company until the third anniversary of the issuance of the Senior Preferred Stock to the Treasury unless prior to such third anniversary the Senior Preferred Stock are redeemed in whole or the Treasury has transferred all of these shares to third parties.

Participants in the TARP Capital Purchase Program were required to accept several compensation-related limitations associated with this program. Each of our senior executive officers in January 2009 agreed in writing to accept the compensation standards in existence at that time under the program and thereby cap or eliminate some of their contractual or legal rights. The provisions agreed to were as follows:

- No golden parachute payments. "Golden parachute payment" under the TARP Capital Purchase Program means a severance payment resulting from involuntary termination of employment, or from bankruptcy of the employer, that exceeds three times the terminated employee's average annual base salary over the five years prior to termination. Our senior executive officers have agreed to forego all golden parachute payments for as long as two conditions remain true: They remain "senior executive officers" (CEO and the next two highest-paid executive officers), and the Treasury continues to hold our equity or debt securities we issued to it under the TARP Capital Purchase Program (the period during which the Treasury holds those securities is the "TARP Capital Purchase Program Covered Period.").
- Recovery of EIP Awards and Incentive Compensation if Based on Certain Material Inaccuracies. Our senior executive officers have also agreed to a "clawback provision," which means that we can recover incentive compensation paid during the TARP Capital Purchase Program Covered Period that is later found to have been based on materially inaccurate financial statements or other materially inaccurate measurements of performance.
- No Compensation Arrangements That Encourage Excessive Risks. During the TARP Capital Purchase Program Covered Period, we are not allowed to enter into compensation arrangements that encourage senior executive officers to take "unnecessary and excessive risks that threaten the value" of our company. To make sure this does not happen, the Company's Compensation Committee is required to meet at least once a year with our senior risk officers to review our executive compensation arrangements in the light of our risk management policies and practices. Our senior executive officers' written agreements include their obligation to execute whatever documents we may require in order to make any changes in compensation arrangements resulting from the Compensation Committee's review.
- Limit on Federal Income Tax Deductions. During the TARP Capital Purchase Program Covered Period, we are not allowed to take federal income tax deductions for compensation paid to senior executive officers in excess of $\$ 500,000$ per year, with certain exceptions that do not apply to our senior executive officers.

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the "Stimulus Act") into law. The Stimulus Act modified the compensation-related limitations contained in the TARP Capital Purchase Program, created additional compensation-related limitations and directed the Secretary of the Treasury to establish standards for executive compensation applicable to participants in TARP, regardless of when participation commenced. Thus, the newly enacted compensation-related limitations are applicable to the Company and to the extent the Treasury may implement these restrictions unilaterally the Company will apply these provisions. The provisions may be retroactive. In their January 2009 agreements, our senior executive officers did not waive their contract or legal rights with respect to these new and retroactive provisions. The compensation-related limitations applicable to the Company which have been added or modified by the Stimulus Act are as follows, which provisions must be included in standards established by the Treasury:

- No severance payments. Under the Stimulus Act "golden parachutes" were redefined as any severance payment resulting from involuntary termination of employment, or from bankruptcy of the employer, except for payments for services performed or benefits accrued. Consequently under the Stimulus Act the Company is prohibited from making any severance payment to our "senior executive officers" (defined in the Stimulus Act as the CEO and the next two highest-paid executive officers) and our next five most highly compensated employees during the TARP Capital Purchase Program Covered Period.
- Recovery of Incentive Compensation if Based on Certain Material Inaccuracies. The Stimulus Act also contains the "clawback provision" discussed above but extends its application to any bonus awards and other incentive compensation paid to any of our senior executive officers or the next 20 most highly compensated employees during the TARP Capital Purchase Program Covered Period that is later found to have been based on materially inaccurate financial statements or other materially inaccurate measurements of performance.
. No Compensation Arrangements That Encourage Earnings Manipulation. Under the Stimulus Act, during the TARP Capital Purchase Program Covered Period, we are not allowed to enter into compensation arrangements that encourage manipulation of the reported earnings of the Company to enhance the compensation of any of our employees.
- Limit on Incentive Compensation. The Stimulus Act contains a provision that prohibits the payment or accrual of any bonus, retention award or incentive compensation to the Company's most highly compensated employee during the TARP Capital Purchase Program Covered Period other than awards of long-term restricted stock that (i) do not fully vest during the TARP Capital Purchase Program Covered Period, (ii) have a value not greater than one-third of the total annual compensation of the awardee and (iii) are subject to such other restrictions as determined by the Secretary of the Treasury. We do not know whether the award of incentive stock options are covered by this prohibition. The prohibition on bonus, incentive compensation and retention awards does not preclude payments required under written employment contracts entered into on or prior to February 11, 2009.
- Compensation Committee Functions. The Stimulus Act requires that our Compensation Committee be comprised solely of independent directors and that it meet at least semiannually to discuss and evaluate our employee compensation plans in light of an assessment of any risk posed to us from such compensation plans.
- Compliance Certifications. The Stimulus Act also requires a written certification by our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of our compliance with the provisions of the Stimulus Act. These certifications must be contained in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009.
- Treasury Review Excessive Bonuses Previously Paid. The Stimulus Act directs the Secretary of the Treasury to review all compensation paid to our senior executive officers and our next 20 most highly compensated employees to determine whether any such payments were inconsistent with the purposes of the Stimulus Act or were otherwise contrary to the public interest. If the Secretary of the Treasury makes such a finding, the Secretary of the Treasury is directed to negotiate with the TARP Capital Purchase Program recipient and the subject employee for appropriate reimbursements to the federal government with respect to the compensation and bonuses.
- Say on Pay. Under the Stimulus Act, the SEC is required to promulgate rules requiring a non-binding say on pay vote by the shareholders on executive compensation at the annual meeting during the TARP Capital Purchase Program Covered Period.


## Dividend Restrictions

The primary source of cash to pay dividends, if any, to the Company's shareholders and to meet the Company's obligations is dividends paid to the Company by the Bank. Dividend payments by the Bank to the Company are subject to the Banking Act and the Federal Deposit Insurance Act ("FDIA"). Under the Banking Act and the FDIA, a bank may not pay any dividends if, after paying such dividends, it would be undercapitalized under applicable capital requirements. In addition to these explicit limitations, the federal regulatory agencies are authorized to prohibit a banking subsidiary or bank holding company from engaging in unsafe or unsound banking practices. Depending upon the circumstances, the agencies could take the position that paying a dividend would constitute an unsafe or unsound banking practice.

It is the policy of the Federal Reserve Board that bank holding companies should pay cash dividends on common stock only out of income available from the immediately preceding year and only if prospective earnings retention is consistent with the organization's expected future needs and financial condition. The policy provides that bank holding companies should not maintain a level of cash dividend that undermines the bank holding company's ability to serve as a source of strength to its banking subsidiary. A bank holding company may not pay dividends when it is insolvent.

Community Partners did not pay any cash dividends to shareholders in 2008 and does not contemplate the payment of cash dividends to shareholders in 2009. On August 29, 2008, Community Partners declared a $3 \%$ stock dividend, which was distributed on October 17, 2008 to shareholders of record as of September 30, 2008.

In addition, please refer to the discussion above of the Senior Preferred Stock under the heading "Troubled Asset Relief Program Capital Purchase Program" for additional restrictions on cash dividends.

## Transactions with Affiliates

Banking laws and regulations impose certain restrictions on the ability of bank holding companies to borrow from and engage in other transactions with their subsidiary banks. Generally, these restrictions require that any extensions of credit must be secured by designated amounts of specified collateral and be limited to (i) $10 \%$ of the bank's capital stock and surplus per non-bank affiliated borrower, and (ii) $20 \%$ of the bank's capital stock and surplus aggregated as to all non-bank affiliated borrowers. In addition, certain transactions with affiliates must be on terms and conditions, including credit standards, at least as favorable to the institution as those prevailing for arms-length transactions.

## FIRREA

Under the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 ("FIRREA"), a depository institution insured by the FDIC can be held liable for any loss incurred by, or reasonably expected to be incurred by, the FDIC in connection with (i) the default of a commonly controlled FDIC-insured depository institution or (ii) any assistance provided by the FDIC to a commonly controlled FDIC-insured depository institution in danger of default. These provisions have commonly been referred to as FIRREA's "cross guarantee" provisions. Further, under FIRREA, the failure to meet capital guidelines could subject a bank to a variety of enforcement remedies available to federal regulatory authorities.

FIRREA also imposes certain independent appraisal requirements upon a bank's real estate lending activities and further imposes certain loan-to-value restrictions on a bank's real estate lending activities. The bank regulators have promulgated regulations in these areas.

## Deposit Insurance

The Bank is a member of the Deposit Insurance Fund of the FDIC. The Deposit Insurance Fund was formed in 2006 when the FDIC merged the Bank Insurance Fund with the Savings Association Insurance Fund as a requirement of the Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005.

The Bank’s deposits are insured up to a maximum of $\$ 250,000$ per depositor through December 31, 2009 under the Deposit Insurance Fund. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act ("FDICIA") is applicable to depository institutions and deposit insurance. The FDICIA required the FDIC to establish a risk-based assessment system for all insured depository institutions. Under this legislation, the FDIC was required to establish an insurance premium assessment system based upon: (i) the probability that the insurance fund will incur a loss with respect to the institution, (ii) the likely amount of the loss, and (iii) the revenue needs of the insurance fund. In compliance with this mandate, the FDIC has developed a matrix that sets the assessment premium for a particular institution in accordance with its capital level and overall rating by the primary regulator. The Bank is also subject to a quarterly FICO assessment. Under the matrix as currently in effect, the assessment rate ranges from 0 to 27 basis points of assessed deposits. The Bank's assessment rate as of December 31, 2008 is 8.14 basis points. The Bank anticipates our 2009 risk-based assessment and FICO assessment to amount to approximately $\$ 400,000$.

In February 2009, the FDIC announced that it would impose an emergency special assessment of $0.20 \%$ surcharge on all insured institutions to be collected on September 30, 2009. The FDIC subsequently reduced the amount of the emergency special assessment to $0.10 \%$ in March 2009. The FDIC also announced that it may impose possible additional special assessments of up to $0.10 \%$ to maintain public confidence in the Deposit Insurance Fund. We anticipate that the FDIC emergency assessments may add an additional $\$ 490,000$ to $\$ 980,000$ to our FDIC insurance premiums.

## Capital Adequacy

The Federal Reserve Board has adopted risk-based capital guidelines for banks and bank holding companies. The minimum guideline for the ratio of total capital to risk-weighted assets is $8 \%$. At least half of the total capital is to be comprised of common stock, retained earnings, minority interests in the equity accounts of consolidated subsidiaries, noncumulative perpetual preferred stock and a limited amount of qualifying cumulative perpetual preferred stock, less goodwill and certain other intangibles ("Tier 1 Capital"). The remainder may consist of other preferred stock, certain other instruments and a portion of the loan loss allowance ("Tier II and Tier III Capital"). "Total Capital" is the sum of Tier I Capital and Tier II and Tier III Capital.

In addition, the Federal Reserve Board has established minimum leverage ratio guidelines for banks and bank holding companies. These guidelines provide for a minimum ratio of Tier 1 Capital to average total assets of $3 \%$ for banks that meet certain specified criteria, including having the highest regulatory rating. All other banks and bank holding companies generally are required to maintain a leverage ratio of at least $3 \%$ plus an additional cushion of 100 to 200 basis points. At December 31, 2008, Community Partners' leverage ratio was $8.53 \%$.

## Prompt Corrective Action

The Federal Deposit Insurance Act (FDIA) requires federal banking regulators to take prompt corrective action with respect to depository institutions that do not meet minimum capital requirements. Failure to meet minimum requirements can initiate certain mandatory and possibly additional discretionary actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have an adverse material effect on Community Partners’ financial condition. Under the FDIA’s Prompt Corrective Action Regulations, the Bank must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of its assets, liabilities and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices.

The Prompt Corrective Action Regulations define specific capital categories based on an institution's capital ratios. The capital categories, in declining order, are "well capitalized," "adequately capitalized," "undercapitalized," "significantly undercapitalized," and "critically undercapitalized." The FDIA imposes progressively more restrictive constraints on operations, management and capital distributions, depending on the capital category by which the institution is classified. Institutions categorized as "undercapitalized" or worse may be subject to requirements to file a capital plan with their primary federal regulator, prohibitions on the payment of dividends and management fees, restrictions on asset growth and executive compensation, and increased supervisory monitoring, among other things. Other restrictions may be imposed on the institution by the regulatory agencies, including requirements to raise additional capital, sell assets or sell the entire institution. Once an institution becomes "critically undercapitalized," it generally must be placed in receivership or conservatorship within 90 days.

The Prompt Corrective Action Regulations provide that an institution is "well capitalized" if the institution has a total risk-based capital ratio of $10.0 \%$ or greater, a Tier I risk-based capital ratio of $6.0 \%$ or greater, and a leverage ratio of $5.0 \%$ or greater. The institution also may not be subject to an order, written agreement, capital directive or prompt corrective action directive to meet and maintain a specific level for any capital measure. An institution is "adequately capitalized" if it has a total risk-based capital ratio of $8.0 \%$ or greater, a Tier I risk-based capital ratio of $4.0 \%$ or greater, and a leverage ratio of $4.0 \%$ or greater (or a leverage ratio of $3.0 \%$ or greater if the institution is rated composite 1 in its most recent report of examination, subject to appropriate federal banking agency guidelines), and the institution does not meet the definition of a well-capitalized institution. An institution is deemed "undercapitalized" if it has a total risk-based capital ratio that is less than $8.0 \%$, a Tier I risk-based capital ratio of less than $4.0 \%$, or a leverage ratio of less than $4.0 \%$ (or a leverage ratio of $3.0 \%$ or greater if the institution is rated composite 1 in its most recent report of examination, subject to appropriate federal banking agency guidelines), and the institution does not meet the definition of a significantly undercapitalized or critically undercapitalized institution. An institution is "significantly undercapitalized" if the institution has a total risk-based capital ratio that is less than $6.0 \%$, a Tier I risk-based capital ratio of less than $3.0 \%$, or a leverage ratio less than $3.0 \%$ and the institution does not meet the definition of a critically undercapitalized institution, and is "critically undercapitalized" if the institution has a ratio of tangible equity to total assets that is equal to or less than $2.0 \%$.

The appropriate federal banking agency may, under certain circumstances, reclassify a well-capitalized insured depository institution as adequately capitalized. The appropriate agency is also permitted to require an adequately capitalized or undercapitalized institution to comply with the supervisory provisions as if the institution were in the next lower category (but not to treat a significantly undercapitalized institution as critically undercapitalized) based on supervisory information other than an institution's capital levels.

## Unsafe and Unsound Practices

Notwithstanding its Prompt Corrective Action Regulations category dictated by risk-based capital ratios, the FDIA permits the appropriate bank regulatory agency to reclassify an institution if it determines, after notice and a hearing, that the condition of the institution is unsafe or unsound, or if it deems the institution to be engaging in an unsafe or unsound practice. Also, if a federal regulatory agency with jurisdiction over a depository institution believes that the depository institution will engage, is engaging, or has engaged in an unsafe or unsound practice, the regulator may require that the bank cease and desist from such practice, following notice and a hearing on the matter.

## The USA PATRIOT Act

On October 26, 2001, the President of the United States signed into law certain comprehensive anti-terrorism legislation known as the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001. Title III of the USA PATRIOT Act substantially broadened the scope of the U.S. anti-moneylaundering laws and regulations by imposing significant new compliance and due diligence obligations on financial institutions, creating new crimes and penalties and expanding the extra-territorial jurisdiction of the United States. The Treasury has issued a number of implementing regulations which apply various requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act to financial institutions such as the Bank. Those regulations impose new obligations on financial institutions to maintain appropriate policies, procedures and controls to detect, prevent and report money laundering and terrorist financing.

Failure of a financial institution to comply with the USA PATRIOT Act's requirements could have serious legal consequences for the institution and adversely affect its reputation. Community Partners and the Bank adopted appropriate policies, procedures and controls to address compliance with the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act under the existing regulations and will continue to revise and update its policies, procedures and controls to reflect changes required by the USA PATRIOT Act and by Treasury regulations.

## Community Reinvestment Act

The Federal Community Reinvestment Act ("CRA"), requires banks to respond to the full range of credit and banking needs within their communities, including the needs of low and moderate-income individuals and areas. A bank's failure to address the credit and banking needs of all socio-economic levels within its markets may result in restrictions on growth and expansion opportunities for the bank, including restrictions on new branch openings, relocation, formation of subsidiaries, mergers and acquisitions. Upon completion of a CRA examination, an overall CRA rating is assigned using a four-tiered rating system. These ratings are: Outstanding, Satisfactory, Needs to Improve, and Substantial Noncompliance.

In the latest CRA examination report with respect to the Bank, dated February 23, 2006, the Bank received a rating of Satisfactory.

## Consumer Privacy

In addition to fostering the development of "financial holding companies," the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act modified laws relating to financial privacy. Its financial privacy provisions generally prohibit financial institutions, including Community Partners and the Bank, from disclosing or sharing nonpublic personal financial information to third parties for marketing or other purposes not related to transactions, unless customers have an opportunity to "opt out" of authorizing such disclosure, and have not elected to do so. It has never been the policy of Community Partners or the Bank, to release such information except as may be required by law.

## Loans to One Borrower

Federal banking laws limit the amount a bank may lend to a single borrower to $15 \%$ of the bank's capital base, unless the entire amount of the loan is secured by adequate amounts of readily marketable collateral. However, no loan to one borrower may exceed $25 \%$ of a bank's statutory capital, notwithstanding collateral pledged to secure it.

New Jersey banking law limits the total loans and extensions of credit by a bank to one borrower at one time to $15 \%$ of the capital funds of the bank when the loan is fully secured by collateral having a market value at least equal to the amount of the loans and extensions of credit. Such loans and extensions of credit are limited to $10 \%$ of the capital funds of the bank when the total loans and extensions of credit by a bank to one borrower at one time are fully secured by readily available marketable collateral having a market value (as determined by reliable and continuously available price quotations) at least equal to the amount of funds outstanding. If a bank's lending limit is less than $\$ 500,000$, the bank may nevertheless have total loans and extensions of credit outstanding to one borrower at one time not to exceed $\$ 500,000$.

## Depositor Preference Statute

In 1993, the United States enacted amendments to the FDIA that created a preference for depositors in the distribution of the assets of a failed bank. Section $11(\mathrm{~d})(11)(\mathrm{A})$ of the FDIA, also known as the National Depositor Preference Statute, states that depositors and certain claimants for administrative expenses and employee compensation against an insured depository institution are afforded a priority over other general unsecured claims against the institution, in the event of a "liquidation or other resolution" of the institution by a receiver.

## Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act

The Financial Modernization Act of 1999, or Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, became effective in early 2000. The Gramm-LeachBliley Act:

- allows bank holding companies meeting management, capital and Community Reinvestment Act standards to engage in a substantially broader range of non-banking activities than is permissible for a bank holding company, including insurance underwriting and making merchant banking investments in commercial and financial companies; if a bank holding company elects to become a financial holding company, it files a certification, effective in 30 days, and thereafter may engage in certain financial activities without further approvals;
- allows banks to establish subsidiaries to engage in certain activities which a financial holding company could engage in, if the bank meets certain management, capital and Community Reinvestment Act standards; and
- allows insurers and other financial services companies to acquire banks and removed various restrictions that applied to bank holding company ownership of securities firms and mutual fund advisory companies; and established the overall regulatory structure applicable to financial holding companies that also engage in insurance and securities operations.

The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act modified other financial laws, including laws related to financial privacy and community reinvestment.

The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act also amended the BHCA and the Bank Merger Act to require the federal banking agencies to consider the effectiveness of a financial institution's anti-money laundering activities when reviewing an application under these acts.

Additional proposals to change the laws and regulations governing the banking and financial services industry are frequently introduced in Congress, in the state legislatures and before the various bank regulatory agencies. The likelihood and timing of any such changes and the impact such changes might have on the Company cannot be determined at this time.

## Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the "Sarbanes-Oxley Act"), which became law on July 30, 2002, created new legal requirements affecting corporate governance, accounting and corporate reporting for companies with publicly traded securities.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act provides for, among other things:

- a prohibition on personal loans made or arranged by the issuer to its directors and executive officers (except for loans made by a bank subject to Regulation O);
- independence requirements for audit committee members;
- disclosure of whether at least one member of the audit committee is a "financial expert" (as such term is defined by the SEC) and if not, why not;
- independence requirements for outside auditors;
- a prohibition by a company's registered public accounting firm from performing statutorily mandated audit services for the company if the company's chief executive officer, chief financial officer, comptroller, chief accounting officer or any person serving in equivalent positions had been employed by such firm and participated in the audit of such company during the one-year period preceding the audit initiation date;
certification of financial statements and reports on Forms 10-K and 10-Q by the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer;
- the forfeiture of bonuses or other incentive-based compensation and profits from the sale of an issuer's securities by directors and senior officers in the twelve month period following initial publication of any financial statements that later require restatement due to corporate misconduct;
- disclosure of off-balance sheet transactions;
- two-business day filing requirements for insiders filing Forms 4 ;
- disclosure of a code of ethics for financial officers and filing a Form 8-K for a change or waiver of such code;
. "real time" filing of periodic reports;
- posting of certain SEC filings and other information on the company website;
- the reporting of securities violations "up the ladder" by both in-house and outside attorneys;
- restrictions on the use of non-GAAP financial measures;
- the formation of a public accounting oversight board; and
. various increased criminal penalties for violations of securities laws.
Additionally, Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act requires that a public company subject to the reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), include in its annual report (i) a management's report on internal control over financial reporting assessing the company's internal controls, and (ii) an auditor's attestation report, completed by the independent registered public accounting firm that prepares or issues an accountant's report that is included in the company's annual report, attesting to the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting. Because we are neither a "large accelerated filer" nor an "accelerated filer", under current rules, we are required to provide management's report on internal control over financial reporting with our annual report, and compliance with the auditor's attestation report requirement is not required until we file our annual report for 2009.

All of the national stock exchanges, including the Nasdaq Capital Market where our common stock is listed, have implemented corporate governance rules, including rules strengthening director independence requirements for boards, and the adoption of charters for the nominating, corporate governance, and audit committees. The rule changes are intended to, among other things, make the board of directors independent of management and allow shareholders to more easily and efficiently monitor the performance of companies and directors. These increased burdens have increased our legal and accounting fees and the amount of time that our board of directors and management must devote to corporate governance issues.

## Overall Impact of New Legislation and Regulations

Various legislative initiatives are from time to time introduced in Congress and in the New Jersey State Legislature. It cannot be predicted whether or to what extent the business and condition of Community Partners or the Bank will be affected by new legislation or regulations, and legislation or regulations as yet to be proposed or enacted.

## Item 1A. Risk Factors.

The following are some important factors that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those referred to or implied in any forward-looking statement. These are in addition to the risks and uncertainties discussed elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K and the Company's other filings with the SEC.

## We may suffer losses in our loan portfolio despite our underwriting practices.

We seek to mitigate the risks inherent in our loan portfolio by adhering to specific underwriting practices. Although we believe that our underwriting criteria are appropriate for the various kinds of loans that we make, we may still incur losses on loans that meet our underwriting criteria due to current economic conditions. A significant part of our loan portfolio is secured by real restate. As real estate values in New Jersey decline, our ability to recover on defaulted loans by selling the underlying real estate is reduced, which increases the possibility that we may suffer losses on defaulted loans. This may result in significant loan losses, which may exceed the amounts set aside in our allowance for loan losses and have a material adverse effect on our operating results.

## Our financial condition and results of operations would be adversely affected if our allowance for loan losses is not sufficient to absorb actual losses or if we are required to increase our allowance.

Despite our underwriting criteria, we may experience loan delinquencies and losses. In order to absorb losses associated with non-performing loans, we maintain an allowance for loan losses based on, among other things, historical experience, an evaluation of economic conditions, and regular reviews of delinquencies and loan portfolio quality. Determination of the allowance inherently involves a high degree of subjectivity and requires us to make significant estimates of current credit risks and future trends, all of which may undergo material changes. At any time there are likely to be loans in our portfolio that will result in losses but that have not been identified as non-performing or potential problem credits. We cannot be sure that we will be able to identify deteriorating credits before they become non-performing assets or that we will be able to limit losses on those loans that are identified.

We may be required to increase our allowance for loan losses for any of several reasons. State and federal regulators, in reviewing our loan portfolio as part of a regulatory examination, may request that we increase our allowance for loan losses. Changes in economic conditions affecting borrowers, new information regarding existing loans, identification of additional problem loans and other factors, both within and outside of our control, may require an increase in our allowance. In addition, if charge-offs in future periods exceed our allowance for loan losses, we will need additional increases in our allowance for loan losses. Any increases in our allowance for loan losses will result in a decrease in our net income and, possibly, our capital, and may materially affect our results of operations in the period in which the allowance is increased.

## Recent negative developments in the financial services industry and the U.S. and global credit markets may adversely impact our operations and results.

Negative developments in the latter half of 2007, the year of 2008 and the first quarter of 2009 in the capital markets have resulted in uncertainty in the financial markets in general with the expectation of the general economic downturn continuing through 2009. Loan portfolio performances have deteriorated at many institutions resulting from, amongst other factors, a weak economy and a decline in the value of the collateral supporting their loans. The competition for our deposits has increased significantly due to liquidity concerns at many of these same institutions. Stock prices of bank holding companies, like ours, have been negatively affected by the current condition of the financial markets, as has our ability, if needed, to raise capital or borrow in the debt markets compared to recent years. As a result, there is a potential for new federal or state laws and regulations regarding lending and funding practices and liquidity standards, and financial institution regulatory agencies are expected to be very aggressive in responding to concerns and trends identified in examinations, including the expected issuance of many formal enforcement actions. Negative developments in the financial services industry and the impact of new legislation in response to those developments could negatively impact our operations by restricting our business operations, including our ability to originate or sell loans, and adversely impact our financial performance.

Economic conditions either locally or regionally in areas in which our operations are concentrated may adversely affect our business.

Deterioration in local or regional economic conditions in Monmouth County or Union County in New Jersey could cause us to experience a reduction in deposits and new loans, an increase in the number of borrowers who default on their loans and a reduction in the value of the collateral securing their loans, all of which could adversely affect our performance and financial condition. Unlike larger banks that are more geographically diversified, we provide banking and financial services in the State of New Jersey, primarily within Monmouth and Union Counties. Therefore, we are particularly vulnerable to adverse local economic conditions.

If economic conditions deteriorate, particularly in the market areas of the Bank, our results of operations and financial condition could be adversely affected as borrowers' ability to repay loans declines and the value of the collateral securing our loans decreases.

Our financial results may be adversely affected by changes in prevailing economic conditions, particularly in the market areas of the Bank, including decreases in real estate values, changes in interest rates which may cause a decrease in interest rate spreads, adverse employment conditions, the monetary and fiscal policies of the federal government and other significant external events. Decreases in local real estate values would adversely affect the value of property used as collateral for our loans. Adverse changes in the economy also may have a negative effect on the ability of our borrowers to make timely repayments of their loans, which would have an adverse impact on our earnings.

Our agreements with the Treasury impose restrictions and obligations on us that limit our ability to pay cash dividends and repurchase our common stock.

On January 30, 2009, we issued Senior Preferred Stock and a warrant to purchase our common stock to the Treasury as part of its TARP Capital Purchase Program. Prior to January 30, 2012, unless we have redeemed all of the Senior Preferred Stock or the Treasury has transferred all of the Senior Preferred Stock to a third party, the consent of the Treasury will be required for us to, among other things, pay cash dividends on our common stock or repurchase our common stock (with certain exceptions, including the repurchase of our common stock in connection with an employee benefit plan in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practice).

## Our preferred shares impact net income available to our common stockholders and our earnings per share.

As long as there are shares of Senior Preferred Stock outstanding, no cash dividends may be paid on our common stock unless all dividends on the Senior Preferred Stock have been paid in full. The dividends declared on the Senior Preferred Stock will reduce the net income available to common shareholders and our earnings per common share. Additionally, warrants to purchase the Company's common stock issued to the Treasury, in conjunction with the issuance of the Senior Preferred Stock, may be dilutive to our earnings per share. The Senior Preferred Stock will also receive preferential treatment in the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company.

We are not required to declare cash dividends on our common stock. We have not paid any cash dividends to shareholders since the date of our incorporation on August 8, 2005. Until the earlier of (i) January 30, 2012 or (ii) the date the Treasury no longer owns any shares of Senior Preferred Stock, we may not pay any dividends on our common stock without obtaining the prior consent of the Treasury.

## Changes in interest rates could reduce our income, cash flows and asset values.

Our income and cash flows and the value of our assets depend to a great extent on the difference between the interest rates we earn on interest-earning assets, such as loans and investment securities, and the interest rates we pay on interest-bearing liabilities such as deposits and borrowings. These rates are highly sensitive to many factors which are beyond our control, including general economic conditions and policies of various governmental and regulatory agencies and, in particular, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Changes in monetary policy, including changes in interest rates, will influence not only the interest we receive on our loans and investment securities and the amount of interest we pay on deposits and borrowings but will also affect our ability to originate loans and obtain deposits and the value of our investment portfolio. If the rate of interest we pay on our deposits and other borrowings increases more than the rate of interest we earn on our loans and other investments, our net interest income, and therefore our earnings, could be adversely affected. Our earnings also could be adversely affected if the rates on our loans and other investments fall more quickly than those on our deposits and other borrowings.

## Competition may decrease our growth or profits.

We face substantial competition in all phases of our operations from a variety of different competitors, including commercial banks, savings and loan associations, mutual savings banks, credit unions, consumer finance companies, factoring companies, leasing companies, insurance companies and money market mutual funds. There is very strong competition among financial services providers in our principal service area. Our competitors may have greater resources, higher lending limits or larger branch systems than we do. Accordingly, they may be able to offer a broader range of products and services as well as better pricing for those products and services than we can.

In addition, some of the financial services organizations with which we compete are not subject to the same degree of regulation as is imposed on federally insured financial institutions such as the Bank. As a result, those non-bank competitors may be able to access funding and provide various services more easily or at less cost than we can, adversely affecting our ability to compete effectively.

## We rely on our management and other key personnel, and the loss of any of them may adversely affect our operations.

We are and will continue to be dependent upon the services of our executive management team. The Company's performance is largely dependent on the talents and efforts of highly skilled individuals. There is intense competition in the financial services industry for qualified employees. In addition, the Company faces increasing competition with businesses outside the financial services industry for the most highly skilled individuals. The unexpected loss of services of any key management personnel or commercial loan officers could have an adverse effect on our business and financial condition because of their skills, knowledge of our market, years of industry experience and the difficulty of promptly finding qualified replacement personnel. The EESA, the Stimulus Act and the agreements between the Company and the Treasury related to the purchase of the Company's Senior Preferred Stock and common stock warrants place restrictions on the Company's ability to pay compensation to its senior officers. The Company's business operations could be adversely affected if it were unable to attract new employees and retain and motivate its existing employees.

## We may be adversely affected by government regulation.

The banking industry is heavily regulated. Banking regulations are primarily intended to protect the federal deposit insurance funds and depositors, not shareholders. Changes in the laws, regulations, and regulatory practices affecting the banking industry may increase our costs of doing business or otherwise adversely affect us and create competitive advantages for others. Regulations affecting banks and financial services companies undergo continuous change, and we cannot predict the ultimate effect of these changes, which could have a material adverse effect on our profitability or financial condition.

The anti-money laundering, or AML, and bank secrecy, or BSA, laws have imposed far-reaching and substantial requirements on financial institutions. The enforcement policy with respect to AML/BSA compliance has been vigorously applied throughout the industry, with regulatory action taking various forms. We believe that our policies and procedures with respect to combating money laundering are effective and that our AML/BSA policies and procedures are reasonably designed to comply with applicable standards. We cannot provide assurance that in the future we will not face a regulatory action, adversely affecting our ability to acquire banks or open new branches. However, we are not prohibited from acquiring banks or opening branches based upon the results of our most recently completed regulatory examination.

## Environmental liability associated with lending activities could result in losses.

In the course of our business, we may foreclose on and take title to properties securing our loans. If hazardous substances were discovered on any of these properties, we could be liable to governmental entities or third parties for the costs of remediation of the hazard, as well as for personal injury and property damage. Many environmental laws can impose liability regardless of whether we knew of, or were responsible for, the contamination. In addition, if we arrange for the disposal of hazardous or toxic substances at another site, we may be liable for the costs of cleaning up and removing those substances from the site even if we neither own nor operate the disposal site. Environmental laws may require us to incur substantial expenses and may materially limit use of properties we acquire through foreclosure, reduce their value or limit our ability to sell them in the event of a default on the loans they secure. In addition, future laws or more stringent interpretations or enforcement policies with respect to existing laws may increase our exposure to environmental liability.

Failure to implement new technologies in our operations may adversely affect our growth or profits.
The market for financial services, including banking services and consumer finance services, is increasingly affected by advances in technology, including developments in telecommunications, data processing, computers, automation, Internet-based banking and telebanking. Our ability to compete successfully in our markets may depend on the extent to which we are able to exploit such technological changes. However, we can provide no assurance that we will be able to properly or timely anticipate or implement such technologies or properly train our staff to use such technologies. Any failure to adapt to new technologies could adversely affect our business, financial condition or operating results.

## A limited market exists for our common stock.

Our common stock commenced trading on the NASDAQ Capital Market on April 4, 2006 and trading volumes since that time have been modest. The limited trading market for our common stock may cause fluctuations in the market value of our common stock to be exaggerated, leading to price volatility in excess of that which would occur in a more active trading market. Accordingly, you may have difficulty selling our common stock at prices which you find acceptable or which accurately reflect the value of the Company.

## We are subject to liquidity risk.

Liquidity risk is the potential that we will be unable to meet our obligations as they become due, capitalize on growth opportunities as they arise, or pay regular cash dividends because of an inability to liquidate assets or obtain adequate funding in a timely basis, at a reasonable cost and within acceptable risk tolerances.

Liquidity is required to fund various obligations, including credit commitments to borrowers, mortgage and other loan originations, withdrawals by depositors, repayment of borrowings, dividends to shareholders, operating expenses and capital expenditures.

Liquidity is derived primarily from retail deposit growth and retention; principal and interest payments on loans; principal and interest payments; sale, maturity and prepayment of investment securities; net cash provided from operations and access to other funding sources.

Our access to funding sources in amounts adequate to finance our activities could be impaired by factors that affect us specifically or the financial services industry in general. Factors that could detrimentally impact our access to liquidity sources include a decrease in the level of our business activity due to a market downturn or adverse regulatory action against us. Our ability to borrow could also be impaired by factors that are not specific to us, such as a severe disruption of the financial markets or negative views and expectations about the prospects for the financial services industry as a whole as evidenced by turmoil faced by banking organizations in 2008 in the domestic and worldwide credit markets.

## Future offerings of debt or other securities may adversely affect the market price of our stock.

In the future, we may attempt to increase our capital resources or, if our or the Bank's capital ratios fall below the required minimums, we or the Bank could be forced to raise additional capital by making additional offerings of debt or preferred equity securities, including medium-term notes, trust preferred securities, senior or subordinated notes and preferred stock. Upon liquidation, holders of our debt securities and shares of preferred stock and lenders with respect to other borrowings will receive distributions of our available assets prior to the holders of our common stock. Additional equity offerings may dilute the holdings of our existing shareholders or reduce the market price of our common stock, or both. Holders of our common stock are not entitled to preemptive rights or other protections against dilution.

## The Company may lose lower-cost funding sources.

Checking, savings, and money market deposit account balances and other forms of customer deposits can decrease when customers perceive alternative investments, such as the stock market, as providing a better risk/return tradeoff. If customers move money out of bank deposits and into other investments, the Company could lose a relatively low-cost source of funds, increasing its funding costs and reducing the Company's net interest income and net income.

## The Company is subject to operational risk.

The Company faces the risk that the design of its controls and procedures, including those to mitigate the risk of fraud by employees or outsiders, may prove to be inadequate or are circumvented, thereby causing delays in detection of errors or inaccuracies in data and information. Management regularly reviews and updates the Company's internal controls, disclosure controls and procedures, and corporate governance policies and procedures. Any system of controls, however well designed and operated, is based in part on certain assumptions and can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurances that the objectives of the system are met. Any failure or circumvention of the Company's controls and procedures or failure to comply with regulations related to controls and procedures could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations and financial condition.

The Company may also be subject to disruptions of its systems arising from events that are wholly or partially beyond its control (including, for example, computer viruses or electrical or telecommunications outages), which may give rise to losses in service to customers and to financial loss or liability. The Company is further exposed to the risk that its external vendors may be unable to fulfill their contractual obligations (or will be subject to the same risk of fraud or operational errors by their respective employees as is the Company) and to the risk that the Company's (or its vendors') business continuity and data security systems prove to be inadequate.

## Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.

Not applicable.

## Item 2. Properties.

The following table provides certain information with respect to properties:

| Office Location | Address | Description | Opened |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The Bank's Main Office: | 1250 Highway 35 South Middletown, NJ | 5,300 sq. ft. first-floor stand-alone building (leased) | 02/00 |
| Operations Center: | 178 Office Max Plaza <br> Suite 3-A <br> Eatontown, NJ | $7,200 \text { sq. ft. }$ operations office space (leased) | 06/02 |
| Allaire: | Monmouth Executive Airport 229 Airport Road, Bldg 13 Farmingdale, NJ | 3,800 sq. ft. building (leased) | 02/04 |
| Atlantic Highlands: | 84 First Avenue Atlantic Highlands, NJ | 700 sq. ft. ground floor of downtown space (leased) | 03/02 |
| Cliffwood: | Angel Street \& Route 35 Aberdeen, NJ | 2,500 sq. ft. building (leased) | 11/04 |
| Cranford Office: | 104 Walnut Avenue Cranford, NJ | 800 sq. ft. storefront (leased) | 11/07 |
| Fanwood: | 328 South Avenue <br> Fanwood, NJ | 2,966 sq. ft. stand-alone building (leased) | 03/08 |
| Manasquan: | 240 Route 71 <br> Manasquan, NJ | 4,300 sq. ft. stand-alone building (leased) | 06/08 |
| Navesink: | East Pointe Shopping Center 2345 Route 36 <br> Atlantic Highlands, NJ | 2,080 sq. ft in strip shopping center (leased) | 09/05 |
| Port Monmouth: | 357 Highway 36 <br> Port Monmouth, NJ | 2,180 sq. ft. stand-alone building (leased) | 06/01 |
| Red Bank: | City Centre Plaza 100 Water Street Red Bank, NJ | 512 sq. ft. in strip shopping center (leased) | 09/02 |
| Tinton Falls: | 4050 Asbury Avenue Tinton Falls, NJ | 3,400 sq. ft. stand-alone building (leased) | 10/06 |
| Tinton Falls: | 656 Shrewsbury Avenue Tinton Falls, NJ | 3,650 sq. ft. stand-alone building (leased) | 08/00 |
| West Long Branch: | 359 Monmouth Road West Long Branch, NJ | 3,100 sq. ft. in strip shopping center (leased) | 01/04 |
| Westfield: | 520 South Avenue <br> Westfield, NJ | 3,000 sq. ft. stand-alone building (leased) | 10/98 |
| Westfield: | 44 Elm Street Westfield, NJ | $3,000 \mathrm{sq}$. ft. downtown building (owned) | 04/01 |

The Company owns property located at 245-249 North Avenue in Cranford, NJ and the Bank has a branch application approval pending for this location.

## Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

The Company may, in the ordinary course of business, become a party to litigation involving collection matters, contract claims and other legal proceedings relating to the conduct of its business. The Company may also have various commitments and contingent liabilities which are not reflected in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet. At December 31, 2008, we were not involved in any material legal proceedings.

## Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

No matters were submitted to a vote of the Company's shareholders during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.

## PART II

## Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Shareholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

The common stock of the Company trades on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the trading symbol "CPBC". The following are the high and low sales prices per share, which have been adjusted for the 3\% stock dividend declared August 29, 2008 and the $3 \%$ stock dividend declared July 17, 2007.

|  | 2008 |  |  |  | 2007 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | High |  | Low |  | High |  | Low |  |
| First Quarter | \$ | 9.74 | \$ | 6.55 | \$ | 9.83 | \$ | 8.53 |
| Second Quarter |  | 8.68 |  | 6.36 |  | 9.31 |  | 8.49 |
| Third Quarter |  | 8.50 |  | 5.83 |  | 9.28 |  | 7.96 |
| Fourth Quarter |  | 7.50 |  | 2.24 |  | 12.77 |  | 8.25 |

As of March 12, 2009, there were approximately 519 record holders of the Company's common stock.
On August 29, 2008, Community Partners declared a 3\% stock dividend, which was paid on October 17, 2008 to shareholders of record as of September 30, 2008.

Community Partners did not pay any cash dividends to shareholders in 2008 and does not contemplate the payment of cash dividends to shareholders in 2009. In addition, please refer to the discussion above of the Senior Preferred Stock under the heading "Troubled Asset Relief Program Capital Purchase Program" for additional restrictions on the payment of cash dividends.

As a result of the Company's issuance on January 30, 2009 of Senior Preferred Stock and a warrant to purchase common stock to the Treasury as part of its TARP Capital Purchase Program, the Company may not repurchase its common stock or other equity securities except under certain limited circumstances. Please refer to the discussion above of the Senior Preferred Stock under the heading "Troubled Asset Relief Program Capital Purchase Program" for additional restrictions on the Company's repurchase of its common stock or other equity securities.

## Item 6. Selected Financial Data.

Not required.

## Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

The following management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations is intended to provide a better understanding of the significant changes and trends relating to the financial condition, results of operations, capital resources, liquidity and interest rate sensitivity of Community Partners Bancorp as of December 31, 2008 and 2007 and for the years then ended. The following information should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements as of and for the period ended December 31, 2008, including the related notes thereto.

## Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The following discussion is based upon our financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). The preparation of these financial statements requires the Company to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses.

Note 1 to our audited consolidated financial statements for December 31, 2008 contains a summary of the Company's significant accounting policies. Management believes the following critical accounting policies encompass the more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements.

Allowance for Loan Losses. Management believes our policy with respect to the methodology for the determination of the allowance for loan losses involves a high degree of complexity and requires management to make difficult and subjective judgments which often require assumptions or estimates about highly uncertain matters. Changes in these judgments, assumptions or estimates could materially impact the results of operations. This critical policy and its application are reviewed quarterly with our audit committee and board of directors.

Management is responsible for preparing and evaluating the ALLL on a quarterly basis in accordance with Bank policy, and the Interagency Policy Statement on the ALLL released by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on December 13, 2006 as well as GAAP. We believe that our allowance for loan losses is adequate to cover specifically identifiable loan losses, as well as estimated losses inherent in our portfolio for which certain losses are probable but not specifically identifiable. The allowance for loan losses is based upon management's evaluation of the adequacy of the allowance account, including an assessment of known and inherent risks in the portfolio, giving consideration to the size and composition of the loan portfolio, actual loan loss experience, level of delinquencies, detailed analysis of individual loans for which full collectibility may not be assured, the existence and estimated net realizable value of any underlying collateral and guarantees securing the loans, and current economic and market conditions. Although management utilizes the best information available, the level of the allowance for loan losses remains an estimate that is subject to significant judgment and short term change. Various regulatory agencies may require us and our banking subsidiaries to make additional provisions for loan losses based upon information available to them at the time of their examination. Furthermore, the majority of our loans are secured by real estate in New Jersey, primarily in Monmouth county and Union County. Accordingly, the collectibility of a substantial portion of the carrying value of our loan portfolio is susceptible to changes in local market conditions and may be adversely affected should real estate values decline or the New Jersey and/or our local market areas experience economic shock.

Stock Based Compensation. Effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted the fair value recognition provisions of FASB Statement No. 123(R), "Share Based Payment," using the modified-prospective transition method. Under that transition method, compensation cost recognized after January 1, 2006 includes: (a) compensation cost for all share-based payments granted prior to, but not yet vested, as of January 1, 2006 based on the grant-date fair value calculated in accordance with the provision of Statement No. 123, and (b) compensation cost for all share-based payments granted subsequent to December 31, 2005, based on the grant-date fair value calculated in accordance with the provision of Statement 123(R). We had no non-vested stock options at December 31, 2005, therefore, the adoption of Statement 123(R) relates only to share-based payments granted after January 1, 2006.

On March 20, 2007, the Board of Directors adopted the Community Partners Bancorp 2007 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2007 Plan"), subject to shareholder approval. The 2007 Plan, which was approved at the Company's annual meeting on May 15, 2007, provides that the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Committee") may grant to those individuals who are eligible under the terms of the 2007 Plan, stock options, restricted stock, or such other equity incentive awards as the Committee may determine. The number of shares of common stock reserved and available under the 2007 Plan is 795,675 after adjusting for the $3 \%$ stock dividends paid in 2008 and 2007. Community Partners did not grant any stock options, restricted stock grants or any other share-based compensation awards during the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006.

Investment Securities Impairment Valuation. Management evaluates securities for other-than-temporary impairment at least on a quarterly basis, and more frequently when economic or market concerns warrant such evaluation. Consideration is given to (1) length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, (2) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, and (3) the intent and ability of the Company to retain its investment in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value.

Purchase Accounting for Business Combinations. In June of 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued SFAS No. 141, "Business Combinations," and No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets." These standards eliminated the pooling-of-interests method of accounting ("pooling") in favor of purchase accounting. Further, these standards were promulgated to ensure that post-merger financial statements of combined entities are prepared in a manner that best represents the underlying economics of a business combination.

These standards necessitate the application of accounting policies and procedures that entail the use of assumptions, estimates, and judgments that are critical to the presentation of financial information, including the ongoing valuation of intangibles. Goodwill and other intangible assets are reviewed for impairment on an annual basis, or more often if events or circumstances indicate that there may be impairment.

Deferred Tax Assets and Liabilities. We recognize deferred tax assets and liabilities for future tax effects of temporary differences, net operating loss carry forwards and tax credits. Deferred tax assets are subject to management's judgment based upon available evidence that future realization is more likely than not. If management determines that we may be unable to realize all or part of net deferred tax assets in the future, a direct charge to income tax expense may be required to reduce the recorded value of the net deferred tax asset to the expected realizable amount.

## Executive Summary

Net income totaled $\$ 798,000$ for the year ended December 31, 2008, compared to net income in 2007 of $\$ 3.7$ million. Basic earnings per share were $\$ 0.11$ for the year ended December 31, 2008 compared to $\$ 0.53$ per share for the same period in 2007. Diluted earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2008 amounted to $\$ 0.11$ compared to $\$ 0.51$ per diluted share for the year ended December 31, 2007. For the year ended December 31, 2008, net interest income decreased by $\$ 1.2$ million, or $6.0 \%$, to $\$ 18.8$ million from $\$ 20.0$ million recorded for the year ended December 31, 2007. Our results for 2008 were effected by net interest margin compression, increased provisions for loan losses and increased operating expenses due to branch expansion.

All per share amounts have been retroactively adjusted to reflect the 3\% stock dividends paid by Community Partners in 2008 and 2007.

Total assets increased by $\$ 45.1$ million, or $8.6 \%$, to $\$ 570.2$ million at December 31, 2008 from $\$ 525.1$ million at December 31, 2007. The increase in total assets was primarily the result of growth in our primary source of funding, which is customer deposits. We used our increases in deposits to fund our loan growth and to provide additional liquidity in the form of federal funds sold.

The loan portfolio, net of the allowance for loan losses, amounted to $\$ 442.0$ million at December 31, 2008, which was an increase of $\$ 29.7$ million, or $7.2 \%$, above the December 31, 2007 amount of $\$ 412.3$ million. The allowance for loan losses totaled $\$ 6.8$ million, or $1.52 \%$ of total loans at December 31, 2008, compared to $\$ 4.7$ million, or $1.12 \%$ of loans outstanding at December 31, 2007. The loan growth experienced during 2008 reflects our desire to provide commercial and consumer lending to our market's customers in addition to maintaining our high credit standards in a challenging market.

Deposits increased to $\$ 474.8$ million at December 31, 2008 from $\$ 427.0$ million at December 31, 2007, an increase of $\$ 47.8$ million, or $11.2 \%$. The increase in deposits is primarily attributable to our strategic initiative to increase our customer base by greater penetration of existing markets and expanding to new market areas. Since the fourth quarter of 2007 , we opened three new banking offices, continued expanding our operational departments and offered new products to our customers and prospective customers.

The following table provides information on our performance ratios for the dates indicated.
Performance Ratios:
Return on average assets
Return on average tangible assets
Return on average shareholders' equity
Return on average tangible shareholders' equity
Average equity to average assets
Average tangible equity to average tangible assets
Dividend payout

| 2008 |  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 6}$ |  |
| $0.15 \%$ | $0.68 \%$ |  | $0.82 \%$ |
| $0.15 \%$ | $0.72 \%$ |  | $0.85 \%$ |
| $1.09 \%$ | $5.19 \%$ |  | $6.60 \%$ |
| $1.69 \%$ | $8.30 \%$ | $10.27 \%$ |  |
| $13.35 \%$ | $13.14 \%$ | $12.38 \%$ |  |
| $9.03 \%$ | $8.63 \%$ | $8.32 \%$ |  |
| $0.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |  |

We anticipate that our performance ratios will remain challenged as we expect income from continuing operations in 2009 to continue to be impacted by higher costs related to the expansion of our branch system and our lending activities, and ongoing efforts to penetrate our target markets, in addition to other costs associated with the integration of the operations of our regional banking offices and the operation of the Company. Our results for 2009 will also be impacted by increased FDIC insurance premiums which may add an additional $\$ 1.2$ million to $\$ 1.7$ million to our operating expenses. In addition, should poor economic conditions in the New Jersey real estate market and/or a further general decline in economic conditions in New Jersey continue throughout 2009 and beyond, the Company may suffer higher default rates on its loans, decreased value of assets it holds as collateral, and reduced loan originations as we continue to pursue only quality loans based on our guidelines.

## Results of Operations

Our principal source of revenue is net interest income, the difference between interest income on interest earning assets and interest expense on deposits and borrowings. Interest earning assets consist primarily of loans, investment securities and federal funds sold. Sources to fund interest earning assets consist primarily of deposits and borrowed funds. Our net income is also affected by our provision for loan losses, other income and other expenses. Other income consists primarily of service charges, commissions and fees, while other expenses are comprised of salaries and employee benefits, occupancy costs and other operating expenses.

## Year Ended December 31, 2008 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2007

## Net Income

For the year ended December 31, 2008, net income amounted to $\$ 798,000$, or $\$ 0.11$ per share for both basic and diluted shares, compared to net income of $\$ 3.7$ million, or $\$ 0.53$ per share for basic shares and $\$ 0.51$ per share for diluted shares, for the year ended December 31, 2007.

Our net income for the year ended December 31, 2008 was negatively impacted as we faced the financial challenges resulting from the general economy and invested in capital projects in many operating areas that we believe position us well for responding to economic issues and pursuing growth opportunities in 2009. During 2008, our net interest income decreased $\$ 1.2$ million, or $6.0 \%$. In addition, we provided $\$ 2.3$ million in provision for loan losses primarily as a result of an increase in impaired loans due to deteriorating economic conditions. During 2008, our non-interest expenses increased $\$ 1.7$ million, or $11.0 \%$, from $\$ 15.5$ million during 2007 to $\$ 17.2$ million during 2008. We anticipate continued increases in non-interest expenses during future periods as we continue to incur costs related to the expansion of our branch system and our lending activities, and ongoing efforts to penetrate our target markets, in addition to other costs associated with the continuing integration of the operations of our banking regions and operation of the Company. Additional increases in non-interest expenses resulted as we increased our support staff and deployed other resources in order to continue our strategic plan.

## Net Interest Income

For the year ended December 31, 2008, we recognized net interest income of $\$ 18.8$ million, as compared to $\$ 20.0$ million for the year ended December 31, 2007. During 2008, our net interest income decreased $\$ 1.2$ million, or $6.0 \%$, as a result of margin compression resulting from deposit interest rates repricing downward slower than interest rates on loans and short term investments. As general economic conditions deteriorated during 2008, the Federal Reserve decreased the short term interest rate target from $4.25 \%$ at December 11, 2007 to $0.25 \%$ at December 16, 2008. During 2008, we increased our average balance of interest earning assets by $\$ 14.6$ million, or $3.0 \%$, to $\$ 504.8$ million for the year ended December 31, 2008 from $\$ 490.2$ million for the year ended December 31, 2007, while our net interest spread and net interest margin declined by 10 basis points and 34 basis points, respectively, to $3.10 \%$ and $3.73 \%$ for the year ended December 31, 2008 from $3.20 \%$ and $4.07 \%$ for the year ended December 31, 2007, primarily as a result of increasingly competitive market conditions, changing market rates and a weakened economy.

For the year ended December 31, 2008, our total interest income decreased to $\$ 30.8$ million from $\$ 35.8$ million for the year ended December 31, 2007. This $\$ 5.0$ million, or $14.0 \%$, decrease was driven primarily by lower interest rates on earning assets, as rate-related decreases in interest income of $\$ 6.2$ million were partially offset by volume-related increases of $\$ 1.2$ million for the year ended December 31, 2008 as compared to the prior year. Most of the interest-income decrease came from our loan portfolio, which accounted for $\$ 5.8$ million of the $\$ 6.2$ million rate-related decrease. Our average loans outstanding increased by $\$ 19.6$ million, or 4.7 $\%$, to $\$ 433.8$ million for the year ended December 31, 2008 from $\$ 414.2$ million for the year ended December 31, 2007. The increase in the average balances of interest-earning assets was due primarily to the continued growth of our Company. The average yield on our interest-earning assets decreased by 121 basis points to $6.10 \%$ for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 from $7.31 \%$ for the prior fiscal year. The decrease in market interest rates throughout 2008 accounted for the decrease in yield.

Total interest expense decreased by $\$ 3.9$ million to $\$ 12.0$ million for the year ended December 31, 2008 from $\$ 15.9$ million for the year ended December 31, 2007. This 24.5 \% decrease in interest expense is primarily due to the decrease in market interest rates as previously described, which resulted in a decrease of interest rate related costs of $\$ 3.3$ million. In addition, we experienced volumerelated increases in interest expense amounting to $\$ 595,000$ as our average balance of interest-bearing liabilities increased to $\$ 399.7$ million for the year ended December 31, 2008 from $\$ 386.3$ million for the year ended December 31, 2007. During 2008, we reduced our dependency on certificates of deposit and promoted our savings and money market products. Our average balance in certificates of deposit decreased by $\$ 51.1$ million, or $26.1 \%$, to $\$ 145.4$ million with an average yield of $3.57 \%$ for 2008 from $\$ 196.5$ million with an average yield of $4.87 \%$ for 2007. This average balance decrease was more than offset by increases of $\$ 44.5$ million of savings deposits, which increased from $\$ 32.4$ million with an average yield of $2.41 \%$ during 2007, to $\$ 76.9$ million with an average yield of 3.08\% during 2008 and increases of $\$ 11.1$ million of money market products which increased to $\$ 114.2$ million with an average yield of $2.86 \%$ during 2008 from $\$ 103.1$ million with an average yield of $4.06 \%$ during 2007. For the year ended December 31, 2008, the average yield on our interest-bearing liabilities was $3.00 \%$ compared to $4.11 \%$ in the prior fiscal year. The 111 basis point decrease in our interest-bearing liabilities was more than offset by the 121 basis point decrease in our interest-earning assets and resulted in our net interest margin decreasing by 34 basis points to $3.73 \%$ for the 2008 fiscal year from $4.07 \%$ for the 2007 fiscal year.

The following table reflects, for the periods presented, the components of our net interest income, setting forth: (1) average assets, liabilities, and shareholders’ equity, (2) interest income earned on interest-earning assets and interest expense paid on interestbearing liabilities, (3) average yields earned on interest-earning assets and average rates paid on interest-bearing liabilities, (4) our net interest spread (i.e., the average yield on interest-earning assets less the average rate on interest-bearing liabilities), and (5) our yield on interest-earning assets. There have been no tax equivalent adjustments made to yields.

(1) Included in interest income on loans are loan fees.
(2) Includes non-performing loans.
(3) The interest rate spread is the difference between the weighted average yield on average interest earning assets and the weighted average cost of average interest bearing liabilities.
(4) The interest rate margin is calculated by dividing net interest income by average interest earning assets.

## Analysis of Changes in Net Interest Income

The following table sets forth for the periods indicated the amounts of the total change in net interest income that can be attributed to changes in the volume of interest-bearing assets and liabilities and the amount of the change that can be attributed to changes in interest rates.

|  | Year ended December 31, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008 vs. 2007 |  |  |  |  | 2007 vs. 2006 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Increase (decrease) due to change in |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Average volume | Average rate |  | Net |  | Average volume |  | Average rate |  | Net |  |
|  | (In thousands) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest Earned On: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Federal Funds Sold | \$ (382) | \$ | (294) | \$ | (676) | \$ | 312 | \$ | 41 | \$ | 353 |
| Investment Securities | 114 |  | (195) |  | (81) |  | 366 |  | 314 |  | 680 |
| Loans (net of unearned fees) | 1,513 |  | $(5,795)$ |  | $(4,282)$ |  | 4,713 |  | 304 |  | 5,017 |
| Total Interest Income | 1,245 |  | $(6,284)$ |  | $(5,039)$ |  | 5,391 |  | 659 |  | 6,050 |
| Interest Paid On: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NOW Deposits | (19) |  | (349) |  | (368) |  | 16 |  | 12 |  | 28 |
| Savings Deposits | 1,074 |  | 512 |  | 1,586 |  | (195) |  | 35 |  | (160) |
| Money Market Deposits | 451 |  | $(1,366)$ |  | (915) |  | 1,438 |  | 712 |  | 2,150 |
| Time Deposits | $(2,492)$ |  | $(1,899)$ |  | $(4,391)$ |  | 1,085 |  | 400 |  | 1,485 |
| Securities sold under agreements to repurchase | 96 |  | (197) |  | (101) |  | 185 |  | 61 |  | 246 |
| Short-term Borrowing | 29 |  | (16) |  | 13 |  | (133) |  | (1) |  | (134) |
| Long-term Debt | 266 |  | 8 |  | 274 |  | 25 |  | - |  | 25 |
| Total Interest Expense | (595) |  | $(3,307)$ |  | $(3,902)$ |  | 2,421 |  | 1,219 |  | 3,640 |
| Net Interest Income | \$ 1,840 | \$ | $(2,977)$ | \$ | $(1,137)$ | \$ | 2,970 | \$ | (560) | \$ | 2,410 |

## Provision for Loan Losses

Our provision for loan losses, recorded for the year ended December 31, 2008, was $\$ 2.3$ million, compared to $\$ 108,000$ for the year ended December 31, 2007. The $\$ 2.3$ million provision for 2008 was primarily due to an increase in non-performing or impaired loans due to the current economic environment. The provision for loan losses is determined by an allocation process whereby an estimated allowance is allocated to impaired loans as defined by FASB Statement No. 114, "Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan," and to pools of loans under FASB Statement No. 5, "Accounting for Contingencies." The allocation reflects management's assessment of economic conditions, credit quality and other risk factors inherent in the loan portfolio. The provision for loan losses also reflects higher loan balances, which increased $\$ 31.8$ million, or $7.6 \%$, to $\$ 448.8$ million at December 31, 2008, from $\$ 417.0$ million at December 31, 2007. The allowance for loan losses totaled $\$ 6.8$ million, or $1.52 \%$ of total loans at December 31, 2008, compared to $\$ 4.7$ million, or $1.12 \%$ of total loans, at December 31, 2007. We will continue to review the need for additions to our allowance for loan losses based upon our review of the loan portfolio, the level of delinquencies and general market and economic conditions.

## Non-Interest Income

Non-interest income amounted to $\$ 1.7$ million for the year ended December 31, 2008, compared to $\$ 1.6$ million for the year ended December 31, 2007. The increase of $\$ 68,000$, or $4.3 \%$, was primarily attributable to an increase in service fees on deposits of $\$ 62,000$, or $10.4 \%$, and an increase in all other non-interest income of $\$ 29,000$, or $4.1 \%$. These increases in non-interest income were partially offset by a $\$ 23,000$, or $8.0 \%$, decrease in other loan customer service fees, as loan pre-payment penalty fees were lower during 2008. The increase in service fees on deposits resulted from our expanding branch network.

## Non-Interest Expenses

The following table provides a summary of non-interest expenses by category for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007.

| (dollars in thousands) | Year ended December 31, |  |  |  | Increase <br> (Decrease) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008 |  | 2007 |  |  |  | Increase (Decrease) |
| Salaries and employee benefits | \$ | 9,076 | \$ | 7,960 | \$ | 1,116 | 14.0\% |
| Occupancy and equipment |  | 3,350 |  | 3,040 |  | 310 | 10.2\% |
| Professional fees |  | 927 |  | 959 |  | (32) | -3.3\% |
| Advertising and marketing |  | 339 |  | 368 |  | (29) | -7.9\% |
| Data processing |  | 579 |  | 444 |  | 135 | 30.4\% |
| Insurance |  | 625 |  | 559 |  | 66 | 11.8\% |
| Outside service fees |  | 568 |  | 468 |  | 100 | 21.4\% |
| Amortization of identifiable intangibles |  | 316 |  | 354 |  | (38) | -10.7\% |
| Other operating |  | 1,390 |  | 1,377 |  | 13 | 0.9\% |
| Total non-interest expenses | \$ | 17,170 | \$ | 15,529 | \$ | 1,641 | 10.6\% |

Non-interest expense was $\$ 17.2$ million for the year ended December 31, 2008, compared to $\$ 15.5$ million for the year ended December 31, 2007, an increase of $\$ 1.7$ million, or $11.0 \%$. Salaries and employee benefits increased $\$ 1.1$ million, or $14.0 \%$, to $\$ 9.1$ million for the year ended December 31, 2008 from $\$ 8.0$ million for the year ended December 31, 2007 primarily as a result of additions to staff to support our growth, along with higher salaries and health insurance costs. The number of our full-time equivalent employees increased from 130 at December 31, 2007 to 148 at December 31, 2008. Occupancy and equipment expenses, data processing expenses, outside service fees and other operating expenses increased by $\$ 558,000$, or $10.5 \%$, to an aggregate of $\$ 5.9$ million for 2008 from an aggregate of $\$ 5.3$ million for 2007 due to the general growth of our business and the addition of three banking offices. Professional fees decreased by $\$ 32,000$, or $3.3 \%$, to $\$ 927,000$ for the year ended December 31, 2008 from $\$ 959,000$ for the year ended December 31, 2007 due to a stabilization of non-recurring expenses associated with the Company's status as a public company. Advertising expenses decreased by $\$ 29,000$, or $7.9 \%$, to $\$ 339,000$ for the year ended December 31, 2008 from $\$ 368,000$ for the year ended December 31, 2007 as we continued to identify those expenses that could be reduced during slower economic activity. Insurance costs increased by $\$ 66,000$, or $11.8 \%$, to $\$ 625,000$ for the year ended December 31, 2008 from $\$ 559,000$ for the year ended December 31, 2007, primarily due to increased Federal Deposit Insurance costs resulting from our higher deposit base. Subsequent to the acquisition of Town Bank as of April 1, 2006, we began amortizing identifiable intangible assets and incurred $\$ 316,000$ in costs during 2008 compared to $\$ 354,000$ in costs during 2007. At December 31, 2008, the balance of $\$ 1.1$ million in core deposit intangibles remains to be amortized through March 2016.

We anticipate continued significant increases in non-interest expense in 2009 and beyond as we incur costs related to the expansion of our branch system and our lending activities, and ongoing efforts to penetrate our target markets, in addition to other costs associated with the integration of our regional banking operations and the operation of the Company.

## Income Tax Expense

For the year ended December 31, 2008, we recorded $\$ 230,000$ in income tax expense, compared to $\$ 2.3$ million for the year ended December 31, 2007. The effective tax rate for 2008 was $22.4 \%$, compared to $38.4 \%$ for 2007 . The decrease in the effective tax rate was due to higher tax-exempt income as a proportion of total pre-tax income earned during 2008 compared to a lower amount of tax-exempt income as a proportion of total pre-tax income earned during the prior year.

## Financial Condition

## December 31, 2008 Compared to December 31, 2007

## General

At December 31, 2008, our total assets were $\$ 570.2$ million, an increase of $\$ 45.1$ million, or $8.6 \%$, over total assets of $\$ 525.1$ million at December 31, 2007. At December 31, 2008, our total loans were $\$ 448.8$ million, an increase of $\$ 31.8$ million from the $\$ 417.0$ million reported at December 31, 2007. Investment securities increased to $\$ 64.7$ million at December 31, 2008 from $\$ 63.1$ million at December 31, 2007, an increase of $\$ 1.6$ million, or $2.5 \%$. At December 31, 2008, we had $\$ 14.9$ million of federal funds sold compared to $\$ 338,000$ of federal funds sold at December 31, 2007, an increase of $\$ 14.6$ million, as we increased our liquidity as a result of deposit growth pending increased loan originations. Our fixed assets increased by $\$ 568,000$, or $11.2 \%$, to $\$ 5.7$ million at December 31, 2008 from $\$ 5.1$ million at December 31, 2007. The increase in fixed assets was due primarily to the addition of three new banking offices.

## Liabilities

We had total deposits of $\$ 474.8$ million at December 31, 2008, an increase of $\$ 47.8$ million, or $11.2 \%$, from total deposits of $\$ 427.0$ million at December 31, 2007. Deposits are our primary source of funds. The deposit increase during 2008 was primarily attributable to our strategic initiative to continue to grow our market presence. We expect loan demand increases during 2009 and beyond, and intend to depend on the expansion and maturation of our branch system as our primary funding source. As a secondary funding source, we intend to utilize borrowed funds at opportune times during changing rate cycles. We also generated a significant change in the mix of our deposit products through promotional activities at our branches, which were targeted to gain market penetration and decrease our reliance on certificates of deposit of $\$ 100,000$ and over. At December 31, 2008, our balance of certificates of deposit $\$ 100,000$ and over amounted to $\$ 62.9$ million compared to $\$ 93.6$ million at December 31, 2007. In order to fund future quality loan demand, we intend to raise the most cost-effective funding available within our market area.

## Fair Value Measurements

In September 2006, the FASB issued FASB Statement No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ("SFAS 157"), which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value under GAAP, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 applies to other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements. The standard is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and for interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company adopted SFAS 157 effective for its fiscal year beginning January 1, 2008. In December 2007, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position (FSP) No. SFAS 157-2, "Effective Date of FAS 157" for all non-financial assets and liabilities, except those that are recognized or disclosed at fair value on a recurring basis (at least annually) to fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008 and interim periods within those fiscal years. As such, the Company only partially adopted the provisions of SFAS 157, and will begin to account and report for non-financial assets and liabilities in 2009. In October 2008, the FASB issued FSP SFAS No. 157-3, to clarify the application of the provisions of SFAS 157 in an inactive market and how an entity would determine fair value in an inactive market. FSP 157-3 is effective immediately and applies to our December 31, 2008 financial statements. The adoption of SFAS 157 and FSP No. FAS 157-3 had no impact on the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements. The primary effect of SFAS 157 on the Company was to expand the required disclosures pertaining to the methods used to determine fair values.

Refer to our "Note 18 - Fair Value of Financial Instruments", for our presentation of the application of SFAS 157 on our Company's consolidated financial statements. Note 18 is located on pages F-30 through F-33 of the included Community Partners Bancorp 2008 Consolidated Financial Statements.

## Securities Portfolio

We maintain an investment portfolio to fund increased loans and liquidity needs (resulting from decreased deposits or otherwise) and to provide an additional source of interest income. The portfolio is composed of obligations of the U.S. government, agencies and government-sponsored entities, municipal securities and a limited amount of corporate debt securities. All of our mortgage-backed investment securities are collateralized by pools of mortgage obligations that are guaranteed by privately managed, United States government sponsored agencies such as Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association and Government National Mortgage Association. Due to these agency guarantees, these investment securities are susceptible to less risk of non-performance and default than other corporate securities which are collateralized by private pools of mortgages. At December 31, 2008 we maintained $\$ 27.8$ million of mortgage-backed securities in our investment portfolio, all of which are current as to payment of principal and interest and are performing to the terms set forth in their respective prospectuses.

The Company had 24 securities in an unrealized loss position at December 31, 2008. In management's opinion, the unrealized losses in municipal and mortgage-backed securities reflect changes in interest rates subsequent to the acquisition of these specific securities. The unrealized losses for corporate debt securities also reflects a widening of spreads due to the liquidity and credit concerns in the financial markets. Corporate debt securities consists of four individual trust preferred securities issued by large financial institutions and one pooled trust preferred security comprised of securities issued by financial institutions. The decline in fair value of these securities was due in large part to the lack of an active trading market for these securities and changes in market credit spreads. None of the corporate issuers have defaulted on interest payments. For the pooled trust preferred security, management reviewed expected cash flows and credit support to determine if it was probable that all principal and interest would be repaid. The Company has the intent and ability to hold such investments until maturity or market price recovery. Management has considered factors regarding other than temporarily impaired securities and determined that there are no securities that are other than temporarily impaired as of December 31, 2008 and 2007. Future deterioration in the cash flow on these instruments or the credit quality of the financial institution issuers could result in impairment charges in the future.

The Company accounts for its investment securities in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 115, Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities. This standard requires, among other things, that debt and equity securities be classified as available-for-sale or held-to-maturity. Management determines the appropriate classification at the time of purchase. Based on an evaluation of the probability of the occurrence of future events, we determine if we have the ability and intent to hold the investment securities to maturity, in which case we classify them as held-to-maturity. All other investments are classified as available-for-sale.

Securities classified as available-for-sale must be reported at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses excluded from earnings and reported as a separate component of shareholders' equity, net of taxes. Gains or losses on the sales of securities available-for-sale are recognized upon realization utilizing the specific identification method. The net effect of unrealized gains or losses, caused by marking our available-for-sale portfolio to fair value, could cause fluctuations in the level of shareholders' equity and equity-related financial ratios as changes in market interest rates cause the fair value of fixed-rate securities to fluctuate.

Securities classified as held-to-maturity are carried at cost, adjusted for amortization of premium and accretion of discount over the terms of the maturity in a manner that approximates the interest method.

Investments totaled $\$ 64.7$ million at December 31, 2008 compared to $\$ 63.1$ million at December 31, 2007, an increase of $\$ 1.6$ million, or $2.5 \%$. We maintained our deposit growth liquidity in federal funds sold at December 31, 2008 due to relatively unattractive yields on investment securities available in the markets and in consideration of increasing loan demand. For the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, we had no sales of securities.

The following table sets forth the carrying value of the securities portfolio as of December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006 (in thousands).

|  | December 31, |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008 |  | 2007 |  | 2006 |  |
| Investment securities available-for-sale at fair value: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| U.S. Government agency securities | \$ | 23,927 | \$ | 30,031 | \$ | 24,538 |
| Municipal securities |  | 2,267 |  | 1,081 |  | 3,537 |
| Mortgage backed securities |  | 27,829 |  | 21,180 |  | 14,534 |
| Corporate debt securities and other |  | 1,948 |  | 2,525 |  | 1,829 |
|  |  | 55,971 |  | 54,817 |  | 44,438 |
| Federal Home Loan Bank stock |  | 680 |  | 653 |  | 243 |
| ACBB stock |  | 75 |  | 75 |  | 75 |
|  | \$ | 56,726 | \$ | 55,545 | \$ | 44,756 |
| Investment securities held-to-maturity at amortized cost: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| U.S. Government agency securities | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 1,000 |
| Municipal securities |  | 6,139 |  | 5,758 |  | 4,836 |
| Corporate debt securities and other |  | 1,801 |  | 1,799 |  | 1,796 |
|  | \$ | 7,940 | \$ | 7,557 | \$ | 7,632 |

The contractual maturity distribution and weighted average yields, calculated on the basis of the stated yields to maturity, taking into account applicable premiums or discounts, of the securities portfolio at December 31, 2008 is set forth in the following table. Securities available-for-sale are carried at amortized cost in the table for purposes of calculating the weighted average yield. Expected maturities will differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties. There have been no tax equivalent adjustments made to the yields on tax-exempt securities.

| December 31, 2008 | Due within 1 year |  |  | Due 1-5 years |  |  | Due 5-10 years |  |  | Due after 10 years |  |  | Total |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (dollars in thousands) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Amortized } \\ \text { cost } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | Wtd <br> Avg <br> Yield | $\begin{gathered} \text { Amortized } \\ \text { cost } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | Wtd <br> Avg <br> Yield | Amortized cost |  | Wtd <br> Avg <br> Yield | Amortized cost |  | Wtd <br> Avg <br> Yield | Amortized cost |  | Wtd <br> Avg <br> Yield |
| Investment securities available-for-sale: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Municipal securities |  | 1,041 | 4.06\% |  | - | - |  | - | - |  | 1,206 | 6.43\% |  | 2,247 | 5.33\% |
| Mortgage backed securities |  | 474 | 4.02\% |  | 1,411 | 3.85\% |  | 1,192 | 4.66\% |  | 24,175 | 5.37\% |  | 27,252 | 5.24\% |
| Corporate debt securities and other |  | 100 | 5.00\% |  | 980 | 4.58\% |  | - | - |  | 1,497 | 5.90\% |  | 2,577 | 5.37\% |
|  |  | 7,614 | 3.74\% |  | 14,157 | 4.67\% |  | 6,684 | 5.38\% |  | 26,878 | 5.45\% |  | 55,333 | 5.01\% |
| Federal Home Loan Bank stock |  | 680 | 4.00\% |  | - | - |  | - | - |  | - | - |  | 680 | 4.00\% |
| ACBB stock |  | - | - |  | - | - |  | - | - |  | 75 | 4.00\% |  | 75 | 4.00\% |
|  | \$ | 8,294 | 3.76\% | \$ | 14,157 | 4.67\% | \$ | 6,684 | 5. $38 \%$ | \$ | 26,953 | 5.44\% | \$ | 56,088 | 4.99\% |
| Investment securities held-tomaturity: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Municipal securities | \$ | - | - | \$ | 649 | 4.75\% | \$ | 1,032 | 5.64\% | \$ | 4,458 | 6.22\% | \$ | 6,139 | 5.97\% |
| Corporate debt securities and other |  | - | - |  | - | - |  | - | - |  | 1,801 | 4.13\% |  | 1,801 | 4.13\% |
|  | \$ | - | - | \$ | 649 | 4.75\% | \$ | 1,032 | 5.64\% | \$ | 6,259 | 5.62\% | \$ | 7,940 | 5.55\% |

## Loan Portfolio

The following table summarizes total loans outstanding by loan category and amount on the dates indicated.

|  | December 31, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008 |  |  | 2007 |  |  | 2006 |  |  |
|  | Amount |  | Percent | Amount |  | Percent | Amount |  | Percent |
|  |  |  |  |  | ands, exc | or percentages) |  |  |  |
| Commercial and industrial | \$ | 120,404 | 26.8\% | \$ | 114,657 | 27.5\% | \$ | 99,994 | 24.0\% |
| Real estate - construction |  | 76,128 | 17.0\% |  | 86,937 | 20.8\% |  | 112,088 | 26.8\% |
| Real estate - commercial |  | 177,650 | 39.6\% |  | 167,404 | 40.1\% |  | 158,523 | 38.0\% |
| Real estate - residential |  | 19,860 | 4.4\% |  | 4,955 | 1.2\% |  | 2,477 | 0.6\% |
| Consumer |  | 54,890 | 12.2\% |  | 42,627 | 10.2\% |  | 44,218 | 10.6\% |
| Other |  | 119 | 0.0\% |  | 711 | 0.2\% |  | 117 | 0.0\% |
| Total loans | \$ | 449,051 | 100.0\% | \$ | 417,291 | 100.0\% | \$ | 417,417 | 100.0\% |



Total loans increased by $\$ 31.8$ million, or $7.6 \%$, to $\$ 449.1$ million at December 31, 2008 compared to $\$ 417.3$ million at December 31, 2007. The loan growth experienced during 2008 included an increase of $\$ 12.3$ million in consumer loans, as well as a $\$ 10.2$ million increase in real estate - commercial loans. In addition, the growth in 2008 reflects our desire to emphasize commercial and consumer lending while placing less reliance on construction lending. Within the loan portfolio, commercial real estate loans remained the largest component, constituting $39.6 \%$ of our total loans outstanding at December 31, 2008, slightly down from $40.1 \%$ for the prior year. These loans increased by $\$ 10.3$ million, or $6.2 \%$, to $\$ 177.7$ million at December 31, 2008, compared to $\$ 167.4$ million at December 31, 2007. Real estate construction loans decreased by $\$ 10.8$ million, or $12.4 \%$, to $\$ 76.1$ million at December 31, 2008, and comprised $17.0 \%$ of our total loans outstanding, down from $20.8 \%$ for the prior year. Commercial and industrial loans increased $\$ 5.7$ million to $\$ 120.4$ million at year-end 2008 compared to $\$ 114.7$ million at year-end 2007, an increase of $5.0 \%$, and comprised $26.8 \%$ of our portfolio, slightly down from $27.5 \%$ for the prior year. Consumer loans increased by $\$ 12.3$ million, or $28.9 \%$, to $\$ 54.9$ million at December 31, 2008 compared to $\$ 42.6$ million at December 31, 2007, and comprised 12.2\% of our 2008 loan portfolio compared to $10.2 \%$ for 2007 . Our residential real estate portfolio increased by $\$ 14.9$ million, or $298.0 \%$, to $\$ 19.9$ million at December 31, 2008 compared to $\$ 5.0$ million for 2007. Residential real estate loans comprised $4.4 \%$ of our total loan portfolio at December 31, 2008, compared to $1.2 \%$ for the prior year. This increase in residential real estate loans, a category we typically do not retain in our loan portfolio, signifies our commitment to service the needs of our local consumer customers in the current challenging economic market.

The following table sets forth the aggregate maturities of loans net of unearned discounts and deferred loan fees, in specified categories and the amount of such loans which have fixed and variable rates as of December 31, 2008.
(in thousands)

| As of December 31, 2008 | Due within 1year |  | Due 1-5 years |  | Due after 5 years |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Commercial and industrial | \$ | 69,589 | \$ | 21,502 | \$ | 29,313 | \$ | 120,404 |
| Real estate-construction |  | 57,139 |  | 8,161 |  | 10,828 |  | 76,128 |
| Real estate-commercial |  | 3,385 |  | 15,166 |  | 159,099 |  | 177,650 |
| Total | \$ | 130,113 | \$ | 44,829 | \$ | 199,240 | \$ | 374,182 |
| Fixed rate loans | \$ | 32,819 | \$ | 28,883 | \$ | 10,041 | \$ | 71,743 |
| Variable rate loans |  | 97,294 |  | 15,946 |  | 189,199 |  | 302,439 |
| Total | \$ | 130,113 | \$ | 44,829 | \$ | 199,240 | \$ | 374,182 |

## Asset Quality

One of our key operating objectives has been, and continues to be, to maintain a high level of asset quality. Through a variety of strategies we have been proactive in addressing problem and non-performing assets. These strategies, as well as our prudent maintenance of sound credit standards for new loan originations have resulted in relatively low levels of non-performing loans and charge-offs. This past year has been highlighted by significant disruptions and volatitlity in the financial and capital marketplaces. These disruptions have been exacerbated by the acceleration of the weakening of the real estate and housing markets. We closely monitor local and regional real estate markets and other factors related to risks inherent in our loan portfolio.

## Non-Performing Loans

Loans are considered to be non-performing if they are on a non-accrual basis, past due 90 days or more and still accruing, or have been restructured to provide a reduction of or deferral of interest or principal because of a weakening in the financial condition of the borrowers. Loans are placed on non-accrual when a loan is specifically determined to be impaired or when principal or interest is delinquent for 90 days or more, unless management expects that we will eventually be paid in full. Any unpaid interest previously accrued on those loans is reversed from income. Interest income generally is not recognized on specific impaired loans unless the likelihood of further loss is remote. Interest income on other non-accrual loans is recognized only to the extent of interest payments received. At December 31, 2008 and 2007, the Company had $\$ 13.0$ million and $\$ 0$ in non-accrual loans, respectively. Loan balances past due 90 days or more and still accruing interest, but which management expects will eventually be paid in full, amounted to $\$ 0$ and $\$ 799,000$ at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. At December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004, the Company had no non-accrual loans or loans that were past due 90 days or more and still accruing interest. The Company had no restructured loans and no any other real estate owned at each year end in the five year period ended December 31, 2008.

The recorded investment in impaired loans, not requiring a specific allowance for loan losses, was $\$ 9.3$ million and $\$ 835,000$ at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The recorded investment in impaired loans requiring a specific allowance for loan losses was $\$ 8.4$ million and $\$ 0$ at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The allowance allocated to these impaired loans was \$2,257,000 at December 31, 2008.

Federal regulations require us to review and classify our assets on a regular basis. In addition, the FDIC has the authority to identify problem assets and, if appropriate, require them to be classified. There are three classifications for problem assets: substandard, doubtful and loss. "Substandard assets" must have one or more defined weaknesses and are characterized by the distinct possibility that we will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected. "Doubtful assets" have the weaknesses of substandard assets with the additional characteristic that the weaknesses make collection or liquidation in full on the basis of currently existing facts, conditions and values questionable, and there is a high possibility of loss. An asset classified as "loss" is considered uncollectible and of such little value that continuance as an asset of the institution is not warranted. The regulations also provide for a "special mention" category, described as assets which do not currently expose us to a sufficient degree of risk to warrant classification but do possess credit deficiencies or potential weaknesses deserving our close attention.

## Potential Problem Loans ("Watch List")

The Company maintains a list of performing loans where management has identified conditions which potentially could cause such loan to be downgraded into higher risk categories in future periods. Loans on this watch list are subject to heightened scrutiny and more frequent review by management. The balance of the watch list loans at December 31, 2008 totaled approximately $\$ 12.1$ million.

## Allowance for Loan Losses

Analysis and Determination of the Allowance for Loan Losses. The allowance for loan losses is a valuation allowance for probable credit losses in the loan portfolio. We evaluate the need to establish allowances against losses on loans on a monthly basis and such allowances are reported to the Board of Directors on a quarterly basis. When additional allowances are necessary, a provision for loan losses is charged to earnings and reported to the Board of Directors.

Our methodology for assessing the appropriateness of the allowance for loan losses consists of: (1) a specific allowance on identified problem or impaired loans; and (2) a general valuation allowance on the remainder of the loan portfolio. Although we determine the amount of each element of the allowance separately, the entire allowance for loan losses is available for the entire portfolio.

Specific Allowance Required for Identified Problem or Impaired Loans. We establish a specific allowance on certain identified problem or impaired loans based on the net realizable value of collateral if the loan is collateral dependent or on the present value of expected future cash flows.

General Valuation Allowance on the Remainder of the Loan Portfolio. We establish a general allowance for non-impaired loans to recognize the inherent losses associated with lending activities. This general valuation allowance is determined by segregating the loans by loan category and assigning percentages to each category. The percentages are adjusted for significant factors that, in management's judgment, affect the collectability of the portfolio as of the evaluation date. These significant factors may include changes in existing general economic and business conditions affecting our primary lending areas and the national economy, staff lending experience, recent loss experience in particular segments of the portfolio, specific reserve and classified asset trends, delinquency trends and risk rating trends. These loss factors are subject to ongoing evaluation to ensure their relevances in the current economic environment.

As a result of our systematic analysis of the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses, the loss factors we presently use to determine the reserve level were enhanced in 2008 based on Bank Policy and compliance with the Interagency Policy Statement by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Various risk factors are considered such as trends in underperforming loans, trends and concentrations in loans and loan volume, economic trends in our market area, particularly the financial and housing industry in our market area, the effect of which has become significant in recent periods. In order to reflect trends in the composition of our loan portfolio, we increased the allowance percentage on certain loan categories which demonstrated a higher risk of loss and decreased the allowance percentage on certain loan categories which demonstrated a lower risk of loss.

Future adjustments to the allowance for loan losses account may be necessary due to economic, operating, regulatory and other conditions beyond our control. Our primary lending emphasis is the origination of loans secured by commercial and residential real estate, in the greater central New Jersey area. The downturn in the economy has affected our local markets, resulting in a slowdown in residential and commercial real estate sales. We are diligently working to address any asset quality concerns, including working with borrowers and increasing our allowance for loan losses when appropriate to ensure we are well positioned for any losses that we may incur.

The following table summarizes our allowance for loan losses for each of the five years ended December 31, 2008.

|  | Years ended December 31, |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008 |  | 2007 |  | 2006 |  |
|  | (in thousands, except for percentages) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Balance at beginning of year | \$ | 4,675 | \$ | 4,567 | \$ | 2,380 |
| Acquisition of Town Bank |  | - |  | - |  | 1,536 |
| Provision charged to expense |  | 2,301 |  | 108 |  | 649 |
| Recoveries of loans charged off: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Consumer |  | - |  | - |  | 2 |
| Loans charged-off: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Real Estate-construction |  | (158) |  | - |  | - |
| Consumer |  | (3) |  | - |  | - |
| Charge-offs, net |  | (161) |  | - |  | 2 |
| Balance of allowance at end of year | \$ | 6,815 | \$ | 4,675 | \$ | 4,567 |
| Ratio of net charge-offs to average loans outstanding |  | 0.04\% |  | 0.00\% |  | 0.00\% |
| Balance of allowance at period-end as a percent of loans at year-end |  | 1.52\% |  | 1.12\% |  | 1.10\% |
| Ratio of allowance at period-end to non-performing loans |  | 52.59\% |  | 286.11\% |  | - |
|  | Years ended December 31, |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | (in thousands, except for percentages) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Balance at beginning of year | \$ | 1,927 | \$ | 1,469 |  |  |
| Provision charged to expense |  | 453 |  | 458 |  |  |
| Loans charged-off |  | - |  | - |  |  |
| Loans recovered |  | - |  | - |  |  |
| Charge-offs, net |  | - |  | - |  |  |
| Balance of allowance at end of year | \$ | 2,380 | \$ | 1,927 |  |  |
|  |  | 0.00\% |  | 0.00\% |  |  |
| Balance of allowance at period-end as a percent of loans at |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ratio of allowance at period-end to non-performing loans |  | - |  | 2,050.00\% |  |  |

## Allocation of the Allowance for Loan Losses

The following table sets forth the allocation of the allowance for loan losses by category of loans and the percentage of loans in each category to total loans at December 31, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005 and 2004 (dollars in thousands).

|  | December 31, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008 |  |  |  | 2007 |  |  |  | 2006 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Percent of |  |  |  | Percent of |  |  |  | Percent of |  |
|  | Amount |  | Allowance to total allowance | Loans to total loans |  | mount | Allowance to total allowance | Loans to total loans |  | ount | Allowance to total allowance | Loans to total loans |
| Balance applicable to : |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial and industrial | \$ | 1,769 | 26.0\% | 26.8\% | \$ | 1,384 | 29.6\% | 27.5\% | \$ | 1,297 | 28.4\% | 24.0\% |
| Real estate - construction |  | 2,470 | 36.2\% | 17.0\% |  | 972 | 20.8\% | 20.8\% |  | 1,241 | 27.1\% | 26.8\% |
| Real estate - commercial |  | 1,632 | 24.0\% | 39.6\% |  | 1,669 | 35.7\% | 40.1\% |  | 1,665 | 36.5\% | 38.0\% |
| Real estate - residential |  | 146 | 2.1\% | 4.4\% |  | 36 | 0.8\% | 1.2\% |  | 18 | 0.4\% | 0.6\% |
| Consumer |  | 798 | 11.7\% | 12.2\% |  | 614 | 13.1\% | 10.2\% |  | 346 | 7.6\% | 10.6\% |
| Other |  | - | 0.0\% | 0.0\% |  | - | 0.0\% | 0.2\% |  | - | 0.0\% | 0.0\% |
| Total | \$ | 6,815 | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | \$ | 4,675 | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | \$ | 4,567 | 100.0\% | 100.0\% |


|  | December 31, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2005 |  |  |  | 2004 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Percent of |  |  |  | Percent of |  |
|  | Amount |  | Allowance to total allowance | Loans to total loans |  | unt | Allowance to total allowance | Loans to total loans |
| Balance applicable to : |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial and industrial | \$ | 703 | 29.5\% | 25.6\% | \$ | 569 | 29.5\% | 25.1\% |
| Real estate - construction |  | 499 | 21.0\% | 19.7\% |  | 300 | 15.5\% | 15.7\% |
| Real estate - commercial |  | 1,005 | 42.2\% | 45.3\% |  | 938 | 48.7\% | 51.2\% |
| Real estate - residential |  | 21 | 0.9\% | 1.2\% |  | 3 | 0.2\% | 0.2\% |
| Consumer |  | 152 | 6.4\% | 8.1\% |  | 117 | 6.1\% | 7.7\% |
| Other |  | - | 0.0\% | 0.1\% |  | - | 0.0\% | 0.1\% |
| Total | \$ | 2,380 | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | \$ | 1,927 | 100.0\% | 100.0\% |

## Bank-Owned Life Insurance

During 2004, we invested in $\$ 3.5$ million of bank-owned life insurance as a source of funding for employee benefit expenses and for the Company's non-qualified Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan for certain executive officers implemented in 2004 that provides for payments upon retirement, death or disability. Expenses related to the Salary Continuation Plan were approximately $\$ 77,000$ and $\$ 119,000$ for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Bank-owned life insurance involves our purchase of life insurance on a chosen group of officers. We are the owner and beneficiary of the policies. Increases in the cash surrender values of this investment are recorded in other income in the statements of income.

In September 2006, the FASB’s Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) issued EITF Issue No. 06-4, "Accounting for Deferred Compensation and Postretirement Benefit Aspects of Endorsement Split Dollar Life Insurance Arrangements" ("EITF 06-4"). EITF 06-4 requires the recognition of a liability related to the postretirement benefits covered by an endorsement split-dollar life insurance arrangement. The consensus highlights that the employer (who is also the policyholder) has a liability for the benefit it is providing to its employee. For transition, an entity can choose to apply the guidance using either the following approaches: (a) a change in accounting principle through retrospective application to all periods presented or (b) a change in accounting principle through a cumulative-effect adjustment to the balance in retained earnings at the beginning of the year of adoption. The EITF is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2007, with early adoption permitted. The Company has chosen approach (b) and recorded a cumulative effect adjustment as of January 1, 2008 to the balance of retained earnings of $\$ 385,000$, with a $\$ 50,000$ expense for the year ended December 31, 2008.

## Premises and Equipment

Premises and equipment totaled $\$ 5.7$ million and $\$ 5.1$ million at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The $\$ 568,000$, or $11.2 \%$, increase in our investment in premises and equipment in 2008 compared to 2007 is due to the expansion of our branch network and investments in operations equipment, which were partially off-set by normal recurring depreciation of existing assets.

## Deposits

Deposits are the primary source of funds used by us in lending and for general corporate purposes. The level of deposit liabilities may vary significantly and is dependent upon prevailing interest rates, money market conditions, general economic conditions and competition. Our deposits consist of checking, savings and money market accounts along with certificates of deposit and individual retirement accounts. Deposits are obtained from individuals, partnerships, corporations, unincorporated businesses and non-profit organizations throughout our market area. We attempt to control the flow of deposits primarily by pricing our deposit offerings to be competitive with other financial institutions in our market area but not by necessarily offering the highest rate. The deposit growth experienced since our inception is primarily due to the expansion and maturation of our branch system. We have also generated significant increases in our deposit and customer base through promotional activities at our branches, which were targeted to gain market penetration as we expanded our branch office network.

One of our primary strategies is the accumulation and retention of core deposits. Core deposits consist of all deposits, except certificates of deposits in excess of $\$ 100,000$. Total deposits increased to $\$ 474.8$ million at December 31, 2008 from $\$ 427.0$ million at December 31, 2007, an increase of $\$ 47.8$ million, or $11.2 \%$. The increase in deposits is primarily attributable to our strategic initiative to place less reliance on high-cost certificates of deposit as a funding source for our loan portfolio and to alternatively market our savings account and money market account products. During 2008, we priced our certificates of deposit $\$ 100,000$ and over at rates that did not exceed our market competition. The balance of certificates of deposit $\$ 100,000$ and over amounted to $\$ 62.9$ million at December 31, 2008 compared to $\$ 93.6$ million at December 31, 2007, a decrease of $\$ 30.7$ million, or $32.8 \%$. Core deposits at December 31, 2008 accounted for $86.8 \%$ of total deposits compared to $78.1 \%$ at December 31, 2007.

The following table reflects the average balances and average rates paid on deposits for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006.

| (dollars in thousands) | Years ended December 31, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008 |  |  | 2007 |  |  | 2006 |  |  |
|  | Average Balance |  | Average Rate | Average Balance |  | Average Rate | Average Balance |  | Average Rate |
| Non-interest bearing demand | \$ | 73,458 | 0.00\% | \$ | 75,833 | 0.00\% | \$ | 69,909 | 0.00\% |
| Interest-bearing demand (NOW) |  | 38,030 | 1.04\% |  | 39,026 | 1.96\% |  | 38,174 | 1.93\% |
| Savings deposits |  | 76,882 | 3.08\% |  | 32,423 | 2.41\% |  | 40,851 | 2.31\% |
| Money Market Deposits |  | 114,247 | 2.86\% |  | 103,133 | 4.06\% |  | 60,400 | 3.37\% |
| Time deposits |  | 145,416 | 3.57\% |  | 196,546 | 4.87\% |  | 173,310 | 4.67\% |
| Total | \$ | 448,033 | 2.50\% | \$ | 446,961 | 3.42\% | \$ | 382,644 | 3.09\% |

The following table sets forth a summary of the maturities of certificates of deposit \$100,000 and over at December 31, 2008 (in thousands).

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { December 31, } \\ 2008 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Due in three months or less | \$ | 35,113 |
| Due over three months through twelve months |  | 24,883 |
| Due over one year through three years |  | 1,499 |
| Due over three years |  | 1,403 |
| Total certificates of deposit \$100,000 and over | \$ | 62,898 |

## Borrowings

The Company has an unsecured line of credit totaling $\$ 10.0$ million with another financial institution that bears interest at a variable rate and is renewed annually. There were no borrowings under the line of credit at December 31, 2008 and 2007. The Company also has a maximum borrowing capacity with the Federal Home Loan Bank, or FHLB, of approximately $\$ 69.0$ million. There were no short-term borrowings from the FHLB at December 31, 2008 and 2007. Advances from the FHLB are secured by qualifying assets of the Bank.

Short-term borrowings consist of federal funds purchased and short-term borrowings from the Federal Home Loan Bank and are summarized as follows:
(dollars in thousands)
Short-term borrowings:
Balance at year-end
Average during the year
Maximum month-end balance
Weighted average rate during the year
Weighted average rate at December 31

| Year ended December 31, |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ |  |  | 2007 |  |
|  |  |  |  | 2006 |
|  | - | $\$$ | - | $\$$ |
|  | 715 | 129 |  | 2,615 |
|  | 5,346 | 161 | 6,894 |  |
|  | $2.80 \%$ | $5.08 \%$ | $5.39 \%$ |  |
|  | - | - | - |  |

Long-term debt consists of a $\$ 7.5$ million convertible note due in November 2017 at an interest rate of 3.965\% from the FHLB that is collateralized by the Company's real estate loan portfolio. The convertible note contains an option which allows the FHLB to adjust the rate on the note in November 2012 to the then-current market rate offered by the FHLB. The Company has the option to repay this advance, if converted, without penalty.

## Repurchase Agreements

Securities sold under agreements to repurchase, which are classified as secured borrowings, generally mature within one to four days from the transaction date. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase are reflected as the amount of cash received in connection with the transaction. We may be required to provide additional collateral based on the fair value of the underlying securities.

Repurchase agreements are summarized as follows:

| (dollars in thousands) | Year ended December 31, |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008 |  | 2007 |  | 2006 |  |
| Repurchase agreements: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Balance at year-end | \$ | 11,377 | \$ | 15,187 | \$ | 7,802 |
| Average during the year |  | 16,957 |  | 14,384 |  | 8,814 |
| Maximum month-end balance |  | 19,553 |  | 16,260 |  | 12,216 |
| Weighted average rate during the year |  | 2.58\% |  | 3.75\% |  | 3.33\% |
| Weighted average rate at December 31 |  | 2.31\% |  | 3.17\% |  | 3.71\% |

## Liquidity

Liquidity defines our ability to generate funds to support asset growth, meet deposit withdrawals, maintain reserve requirements and otherwise operate on an ongoing basis. An important component of an institution's asset and liability management structure is the level of liquidity which is available to meet the needs of its customers and requirements of creditors. Our liquidity needs are primarily met by cash on hand, federal funds sold, maturing investment securities and short-term borrowings on a temporary basis. We invest the funds not needed to meet our cash requirements in overnight federal funds sold. With adequate deposit inflows over the past year coupled with the above-mentioned cash resources, we believe the level of short-term assets are adequate. Our liquidity can be affected by a variety of factors, including general economic conditions, market disruption, operational problems affecting third parties or us, unfavorable pricing, competition, our credit rating and regulatory restrictions.

## Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

Our financial statements do not reflect off-balance sheet arrangements that we enter into with our customers in the normal course of business. These off-balance sheet arrangements consist of unfunded loans and letters of credit made under the same standards as on-balance sheet instruments. These instruments have fixed maturity dates, and because many of them will expire without being drawn upon, they do not generally present any significant liquidity risk to us.

Management believes that any amounts actually drawn upon these commitments can be funded in the normal course of operations. The following table sets forth our off-balance sheet arrangements as of December 31, 2008.

|  | December 31, <br> 2008 |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | $\$$ | 41,220 |
| Commercial lines of credit | 29,257 |  |
| One-to-four family residential lines of credit |  |  |
| Commitments to grant commercial and construction loans secured by |  | 32,092 |
| real estate | 8,651 |  |
| Commercial letters of credit | $\$$ | 111,220 |

## Capital

Our shareholders' equity increased by $\$ 855,000$, or $1.2 \%$, to $\$ 73.3$ million at December 31, 2008 compared to $\$ 72.5$ million at December 31, 2007. Net income recorded during 2008 increased equity by $\$ 798,000$. Also contributing to the increase was $\$ 165,000$ attributable to exercised stock options and $\$ 277,000$ in increased other comprehensive income which resulted from unrealized gains in our available-for-sale investment securities portfolio. These increases to stockholders’ equity were partially off-set by a $\$ 385,000$ charge resulting from a one-time cumulative effect adjustment due to the adoption of accounting for post-retirement benefit costs.

## Capital Resources

The Bank is required to maintain a cash reserve balance in vault cash or with the Federal Reserve Bank. The total of this reserve balance was $\$ 25,000$ at December 31, 2008.

The Company (on a consolidated basis) and the Bank are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the federal banking agencies. Failure to meet the minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory and possibly additional discretionary actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on our consolidated financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, the Company and its bank subsidiary must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of their assets, liabilities and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. The capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk-weightings and other factors.

Quantitative measures established by regulations to ensure capital adequacy require the Company and its bank subsidiary to maintain minimum amounts and ratios (set forth below) of total and Tier l capital (as defined in the regulations) to risk-weighted assets, and of Tier l capital to average assets. Management believes, as of December 31, 2008, that the Company and its bank subsidiary meet all capital adequacy requirements to which they are subject.-

As of December 31, 2008, the Bank met all regulatory requirements for classification as well-capitalized under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. Management believes that there are no conditions or events that have changed the Bank's categories.

Community Partners (on a consolidated basis) and its bank subsidiaries’ actual capital amounts and ratios at December 31, 2008 and 2007 and the minimum amounts and ratios required for capital adequacy purposes and to be well capitalized under the prompt corrective action provisions are as follows:

|  | Actual |  |  | For Capital AdequacyPurposes |  |  | To be Well Capitalized under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Amount |  | Ratio |  | Amount | Ratio | Amount |  | Ratio |
|  | As of December 31, 2008 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total capital (to risk-weighted assets) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Community Partners Bancorp | \$ | 52,832 | 11.25\% | \$ | >37,569 | $\geq 8.00 \%$ | \$ | N/A | N/A |
| Two River Community Bank |  | 52,038 | 11.05\% |  | >37,675 | $\geq 8.00 \%$ |  | >47,093 | $\geq 10.00 \%$ |
| Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Community Partners Bancorp |  | 46,951 | 10.00\% |  | >18,780 | $\geq 4.00 \%$ |  | N/A | N/A |
| Two River Community Bank |  | 46,140 | 9.80\% |  | >18,833 | $\geq 4.00 \%$ |  | >28,249 | $\geq 6.00 \%$ |
| Tier 1 capital (to average assets) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Community Partners Bancorp |  | 46,951 | 8.53\% |  | >22,017 | $\geq 4.00 \%$ |  | N/A | N/A |
| Two River Community Bank |  | 46,140 | 8.38\% |  | >22,024 | $\geq 4.00 \%$ |  | >27,530 | $\geq 5.00 \%$ |
| As of December 31, 2007 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total capital (to risk-weighted assets) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Community Partners Bancorp | \$ | 50,734 | 11.66\% | \$ | >34,809 | $\geq 8.00 \%$ | \$ | N/A | N/A |
| Two River Community Bank |  | 30,523 | 10.96\% |  | >22,280 | $\geq 8.00 \%$ |  | >27,849 | $\geq 10.00 \%$ |
| The Town Bank |  | 19,565 | 12.42\% |  | >12,602 | $\geq 8.00 \%$ |  | >15,753 | $\geq 10.00$ |
| Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Community Partners Bancorp |  | 46,059 | 10.59\% |  | >17,397 | $\geq 4.00 \%$ |  | N/A | N/A |
| Two River Community Bank |  | 27,698 | 9.95\% |  | >11,135 | $\geq 4.00 \%$ |  | >16,702 | $\geq 6.00 \%$ |
| The Town Bank |  | 17,715 | 11.25\% |  | >6,299 | $\geq 4.00 \%$ |  | >9,448 | $\geq 6.00 \%$ |
| Tier 1 capital (to average assets) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Community Partners Bancorp |  | 46,059 | 9.15\% |  | >20,135 | $\geq 4.00 \%$ |  | N/A | N/A |
| Two River Community Bank |  | 27,698 | 8.71\% |  | >12,720 | $\geq 4.00 \%$ |  | >15,900 | $\geq 5.00 \%$ |
| The Town Bank |  | 17,715 | 9.48\% |  | >7,475 | $\geq 4.00 \%$ |  | >9,343 | $\geq 5.00 \%$ |

The Bank is subject to certain legal and regulatory limitations on the amount of dividends that it may declare without prior regulatory approval. Under Federal Reserve regulations, the Bank is limited as to the amount that it may lend affiliates, including the Company, unless such loans are collateralized by specific obligations.

The prompt corrective action regulations define specific capital categories based upon an institution's capital ratios. The capital categories in descending order are "well capitalized", "adequately capitalized", "under capitalized", "significantly undercapitalized", and "critically undercapitalized." Institutions categorized as "undercapitalized" or lower are subject to certain restrictions, are not able to pay dividends and management fees, are restricted on asset growth and executive compensation and are subject to increased supervisory monitoring, among other matters. The regulators may impose other restrictions. Once an institution becomes "critically undercapitalized," it must be placed in receivership or conservatorship within 90 days. To be considered "adequately capitalized," an institution must generally have Tier 1 capital to total asset ratio of at least 4\%, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of at least $4 \%$, and a total risked based capital ratio of at least $8 \%$. An institution is deemed to be "critically undercapitalized" if it has a tangible equity ratio, Tier 1 capital, net of all intangibles, to tangible capital of $2 \%$ or less.

Under the risk-based capital guideline regulations, a banking organization's assets and certain off balance sheet items are classified into categories, with the least capital required for the category deemed to have the least risk, and the most capital required for the category deemed to have the most risk. Under current regulations, banking organizations are required to maintain total capital of $8.00 \%$ of risk weighted assets, of which $4.00 \%$ must be in core or Tier 1 capital.

## Interest Rate Sensitivity

Interest rate risk management involves managing the extent to which interest-sensitive assets and interest-sensitive liabilities are matched. Interest rate sensitivity is the relationship between market interest rates and earnings volatility due to the re-pricing characteristics of assets and liabilities. Our net income is affected by changes in the level of market interest rates. In order to maintain consistent earnings performance, we seek to manage, to the extent possible, the re-pricing characteristics of our assets and liabilities. The ratio between assets and liabilities re-pricing in specific time intervals is referred to as an interest rate sensitivity gap. Interest rate sensitivity gaps can be managed to take advantage of the slope of the yield curve as well as forecasted changes in the level of interest rate changes.

One of our major objectives when managing the rate sensitivity of our assets and liabilities is to stabilize net interest income. The management of and authority to assume interest rate risk is the responsibility of the Asset/Liability Committee ("ALCO"), which is comprised of senior management and board members. We have instituted policies and practices of measuring and reporting interest rate risk exposure, particularly regarding the treatment of non-contractual assets and liabilities. In addition, we annually review our interest rate risk policy, which includes limits on the impact to earnings from shifts in interest rates.

To manage our interest sensitivity position, an asset/liability model called "gap analysis" is used to monitor the difference in the volume of our interest-sensitive assets and liabilities that mature or re-price within given periods. A positive gap (asset-sensitive) indicates that more assets re-price during a given period compared to liabilities, while a negative gap (liability-sensitive) has the opposite effect. During a period of falling interest rates, a positive gap would tend to adversely affect net interest income, while a negative gap would tend to result in an increase in net interest income. During a period of rising interest rates, a positive gap would tend to result in an increase in net interest income, while a negative gap would tend to affect net interest income adversely. We employ net interest income simulation modeling to assist in quantifying interest rate risk exposure. This process measures and quantifies the impact on net interest income through varying interest rate changes and balance sheet compositions. The use of this model assists the ALCO to gauge the effects of the interest rate changes on interest-sensitive assets and liabilities in order to determine what impact these rate changes will have upon the net interest spread.

In order to present the most current information at our ALCO meetings, our gap analysis and interest rate sensitivity analysis is computed as of an off-calendar month quarter. At our December 17, 2008 ALCO meeting, and as of November 30, 2008, we computed a one-year cumulative gap of negative (-) $2.6 \%$ of total assets, or $\$(15.1)$ million, which is within the Company’s board of directors' approved guidelines of $+10 \%$ or $-25 \%$. Our balance sheet composition at November 30, 2008 and December 31, 2008 was consistent.

The method used to analyze interest rate sensitivity has a number of limitations. Certain assets and liabilities may react differently to changes in interest rates even though they re-price or mature in the same or similar time periods. The interest rates on certain assets and liabilities may change at different times than changes in market interest rates, with some changes in advance of provisions which may limit changes in interest rates each time the interest rate changes and on a cumulative basis over the life of the loan. Additionally, the actual prepayments and withdrawals we experience in the event of a change in interest rates may differ significantly from the maturity dates of the loans. Finally, the ability of borrowers to service their debts may decrease in the event of an interest rate increase.

The Company's Asset Liability Committee policy has established that interest rate sensitivity will be considered acceptable if the change in net interest income is within $6.00 \%$ of net interest income from the unchanged interest rate scenario over a twelve month time horizon.

At November 30, 2008, the Company’s income simulation model indicated the level of interest rate risk as presented below.

|  | Gradual change in interest rates |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 200 basis point increase |  | 200 basis point decrease |  |  |
| (dollars in thousands) |  | Dollar change | Percent of change |  | lar change | Percent of change |
| Twelve month horizon: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net interest income | \$ | 250 | 1.4\% | \$ | (108) |  |

To measure the impact of longer-term asset and liability mismatches beyond two years, the Company utilizes Modified Duration of Equity and Economic Value of Portfolio Equity ("EVPE") models. The modified duration of equity measures the potential price risk of equity to changes in interest rates. A longer modified duration of equity indicates a greater degree of risk to rising interest rates. Because of balance sheet optionality, an EVPE analysis is also used to dynamically model the present value of asset and liability cash flows, with rates ranging up or down 200 basis points. Our analysis of EVPE excludes goodwill and includes only tangible equity. The economic value of equity is likely to be different as interest rates change. Results falling outside prescribed ranges require action by management. At November 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the Company's variance in the EVPE as a percentage of change from the recorded book value of tangible equity compared to no change in interest rates, and to an instantaneous and sustained parallel shift of 200 basis points, is within the Company's negative $25 \%$ guideline as shown in the tables below.

The market capitalization of the Company should not be equated to the EVPE, which only deals with the valuation of balance sheet cash flows using conservative assumptions. Calculated core deposit premiums may be less than what is available in an outright sale. The model does not consider potential premiums on floating rate loan sales, the impact of overhead expense, non-interest income, taxes, industry market price multiples and other factors reflected in the market capitalization of a company.

## Market Risk Analysis

November 30, 2008

| Change in Interest Rates (dollars in thousands) | Flat |  | -200bp |  | +200bp |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Economic Value of Portfolio Equity | \$ | 54,700 | \$ | 46,739 | \$ | 51,298 |
| Change from tangible book equity |  | 7,147 |  | (814) |  | 3,745 |
| Change as a \% of tangible book equity |  | 15.0\% |  | -1.7\% |  | 7.88\% |
| December 31, 2007 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Change in Interest Rates (dollars in thousands) |  | lat |  | 00bp |  | 00bp |
| Economic Value of Portfolio Equity | \$ | 50,601 | \$ | 54,351 | \$ | 43,584 |
| Change |  | 3,078 |  | 6,828 |  | $(3,939)$ |
| Change as a \% of tangible book equity |  | 6.5\% |  | 14.4\% |  | -8.3\% |

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.
Not required.

## Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

Reference is made to Item 15(a)(1) and (2) to page F-1 for a list of financial statements and supplementary data required to be filed pursuant to this Item 8 . The information required by this Item 8 is provided beginning on page F-1 hereof.

Item 9. Changes In and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.
Not applicable.

## Item 9A. Controls and Procedures.

The Company has established disclosure controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that the Company files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms and is accumulated and communicated to management, including the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

The Company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, with the assistance of other members of the Company's management, have evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this annual report. Based upon such evaluation, the Company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective as of the end of the period covered by this annual report.

The Company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have also concluded that there was no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that occurred during the quarter ended December 31, 2008 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

## Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act. The Company's internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

There are inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any internal control, including the possibility of human error and circumvention or overriding of controls. Accordingly, even effective internal control can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation. Further, because of changes in conditions, the effectiveness of internal control may vary over time.

The Company's management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO"). Based on their assessment using those criteria, management concluded that, as of December 31, 2008, the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective.

This annual report does not include an attestation report of the Company’s Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm regarding internal control over financial reporting pursuant to temporary rules of the SEC that permit the Company to provide only management's report in this annual report.

## Item 9B. Other Information.

None.

## PART III

## Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference to the Company's Proxy Statement for its 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders under the captions "Directors and Executive Officers", "Corporate Governance", "Compliance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act", "Code of Ethics" and "Audit Committee".

## Item 11. Executive Compensation.

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference to the Company's Proxy Statement for its 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders under the caption "Executive Compensation."

## Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Shareholder Matters.

## Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table provides information about the Company's common stock that may be issued upon the exercise of options, warrants and rights under all of the Company's equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2008. The information in the table has been adjusted for the 3\% stock dividends paid in 2008 and 2007.

|  |  | Number of securities <br> remaining available for future <br> issuance under equity <br> compensation plans <br> bumber of securities to <br> of outstanding options, <br> warrants and rights <br> (a) | (excluding securities <br> reflected in column (a)) <br> (c) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Plan category |  | Weighted-average exercise <br> warrants and rights <br> (b) | $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ |

(1) Includes the Community Partners Bancorp 2007 Equity Incentive Plan. Does not include the following Two River and Town Bank plans, which were acquired by Community Partners upon its acquisition of Two River and Town Bank in 2006: Two River Community Bank 2003 Incentive Stock Option Plan, Two River Community Bank 2003 Non-Qualified Stock Option Plan, Two River Community Bank Incentive Stock Option Plan (2001), Two River Community Bank Non-Qualified Stock Option Plan (2001), The Town Bank of Westfield 2002 Employee Stock Option Plan, The Town Bank of Westfield 2001 Employee Stock Option Plan, The Town Bank of Westfield 2000 Employee Stock Option Plan, The Town Bank of Westfield 1999 Employee Stock Option Plan, The Town Bank of Westfield 2001 Director Stock Option Plan, The Town Bank of Westfield 2000 Director Stock Option Plan and The Town Bank of Westfield 1999 Director Stock Option Plan. These plans were assumed by Community Partners Bancorp when it acquired Two River Community Bank and The Town Bank on April 1, 2006. Pursuant to these plans, there are 744,696 securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options with a weighted average exercise price of $\$ 9.28$. No shares are available for future grants under these plans.

The additional information required by this item is incorporated by reference from the Company's Proxy Statement for its 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders under the caption "Stock Ownership of Management and Principal Shareholders."

## Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference from the Company's Proxy Statement for its 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders under the captions "Certain Transactions With Management" and "Director Independence".

## Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.

The information regarding principal accounting fees and services and the Company's pre-approval policies and procedures for audit and non-audit services provided by the Company's independent registered public accounting firm is incorporated by reference to the Company’s Proxy Statement for its 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders under the caption "Principal Accountant Fees and Services."

## PART IV

## Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

(a) Financial Statements and Financial Statement Schedules

The following documents are filed as part of this report:

1. Financial Statements of Community Partners Bancorp

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
Consolidated Balance Sheets - December 31, 2008 and 2007

Consolidated Statements of Income - Years Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007
Consolidated Statements of Shareholders’ Equity - Years Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows - Years Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements
2. All schedules are omitted because either they are inapplicable or not required, or because the information required therein is included in the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto.
3. See accompanying Index to Exhibits.
(b) Exhibits

Exhibits required by Section 601 of Regulation S-K (see accompanying Index to Exhibits).

## (c) Financial Statement Schedules

See the notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this report.

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## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders
of Community Partners Bancorp
Middletown, New Jersey
We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Community Partners Bancorp and subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders' equity and cash flows for the years then ended. The Company's management is responsible for these consolidated financial statements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Community Partners Bancorp and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ Beard Miller Company LLP

Beard Miller Company LLP
Allentown, Pennsylvania
March 30, 2009

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|  | December 31, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008 |  | 2007 |  |
|  | (In Thousands, Except Share Data) |  |  |  |
| Assets |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and due from banks | \$ | 8,110 | \$ | 9,675 |
| Federal funds sold |  | 14,907 |  | 338 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents |  | 23,017 |  | 10,013 |
| Securities available for sale |  | 56,726 |  | 55,545 |
| Securities held to maturity (fair value 2008 \$7,074;2007 \$7,492) |  | 7,940 |  | 7,557 |
| Loans |  | 448,780 |  | 416,967 |
| Allowance for loan losses |  | $(6,815)$ |  | $(4,675)$ |
| Net Loans |  | 441,965 |  | 412,292 |
| Bank owned life insurance |  | 4,101 |  | 3,951 |
| Premises and equipment, net |  | 5,658 |  | 5,090 |
| Accrued interest receivable |  | 1,951 |  | 2,291 |
| Goodwill and other intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$957 and $\$ 641$ at December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively |  | 25,983 |  | 26,299 |
| Other assets |  | 2,899 |  | 2,063 |
| Total Assets | \$ | 570,240 | \$ | 525,101 |

## Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity

## LIABILITIES

Deposits:
$\quad$ Noninterest-bearing
Interest-bearing

Total Deposits
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase
Accrued interest payable
Long-term debt
Other liabilities

## Total Liabilities

## Shareholders' Equity

Preferred stock, no par value; 6,500,000 shares authorized; no shares issued and outstanding
Common stock, no par value; 25,000,000 shares authorized; 6,959,821 and 6,722,784 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively
Retained earnings
Accumulated other comprehensive income

## Total Shareholders' Equity

Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity

| \$ | $\mathbf{6 5 , 1 1 5}$ | $\$$ |
| ---: | :--- | ---: |
| $\mathbf{4 0 9 , 7 2 4}$ |  | 72,688 |
|  | $\mathbf{4 7 4 , 8 3 9}$ |  |
|  |  | 426,271 |
| $\mathbf{1 1 , 3 7 7}$ |  | 15,187 |
| $\mathbf{2 8 2}$ | 531 |  |
| $\mathbf{7 , 5 0 0}$ | 7,500 |  |
| $\mathbf{2 , 9 3 0}$ |  | 2,467 |
|  |  | 452,644 |


| $\mathbf{6 8 , 1 9 7}$ |  | 66,552 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 4,738 |  | 5,805 |
| 377 |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  | $\mathbf{7 3 , 3 1 2}$ |  |
|  |  |  |

## Interest Income

Loans, including fees
Investment securities
Federal funds sold

Total Interest Income

## Interest Expense

| Deposits | $\mathbf{1 1 , 2 2 0}$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Securities sold under agreements to repurchase | $\mathbf{4 3 8}$ |
| Borrowings | $\mathbf{3 1 9}$ |
| Total Interest Expense | $\mathbf{1 1 , 9 7 7}$ |
| Net Interest Income | $\mathbf{1 8 , 8 3 3}$ |
| Provision for Loan Losses | $\mathbf{2 , 3 0 1}$ |
| Net Interest Income after Provision for Loan Losses | $\mathbf{1 6 , 5 3 2}$ |

## Non-Interest Income

Service fees on deposit accounts
Other loan customer service fees
Earnings from investment in life insurance
Other income

## Total Non-Interest Income

## Non-Interest Expenses

| Salaries and employee benefits |  | 9,076 |  | 7,960 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Occupancy and equipment |  | 3,350 |  | 3,040 |
| Professional |  | 927 |  | 959 |
| Advertising |  | 339 |  | 368 |
| Data processing |  | 579 |  | 444 |
| Insurance |  | 625 |  | 559 |
| Outside service fees |  | 568 |  | 468 |
| Amortization of identifiable intangibles |  | 316 |  | 354 |
| Other operating |  | 1,390 |  | 1,377 |
| Total Non-Interest Expenses |  | 17,170 |  | 15,529 |
| Income before Income Taxes |  | 1,028 |  | 5,931 |
| Income Tax Expense |  | 230 |  | 2,279 |
| Net Income | \$ | 798 | \$ | 3,652 |


| Years Ended December 31, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2008 |  | 2007 |  |
| (In Thousands, Except Per Share Data) |  |  |  |
| \$ | 27,739 | \$ | 32,021 |
|  | 2,927 |  | 3,008 |
|  | 144 |  | 820 |
|  | 30,810 |  | 35,849 |


| 15,308 |
| ---: |
| 539 |
| 32 |
| 15,879 |
| 19,970 |
| 108 |
| 19,862 |


| $\mathbf{6 6 0}$ | 598 |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\mathbf{2 6 3}$ | 286 |  |
| $\mathbf{1 5 0}$ | 130 |  |
| $\mathbf{5 9 3}$ | 584 |  |
|  |  |  |

## 7,960

3,040
959
368
444
559

```468
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3,652

Earnings Per Share

Basic

Diluted


See notes to consolidated financial statements.

\section*{Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity}
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline (Dollars in Thousands) & Outstanding Shares & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Common Stock} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{Retained Earnings} & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\begin{tabular}{l}
Accumulated Other \\
Comprehensive \\
Income (Loss)
\end{tabular}} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{Total Shareholders' Equity} \\
\hline Balance - December 31, 2006 & 6,511,582 & \$ & 64,728 & \$ & 3,884 & \$ & (293) & \$ & 68,319 \\
\hline Comprehensive income: & & & & & & & & & \\
\hline Net income & - & & - & & 3,652 & & - & & 3,652 \\
\hline Change in net unrealized gain (loss) on securities available for sale, net of tax effect & - & & - & & - & & 393 & & 393 \\
\hline Total Comprehensive Income & & & & & & & & & 4,045 \\
\hline Stock Dividend - 3\% & 195,779 & & 1,731 & & \((1,731)\) & & - & & - \\
\hline Options exercised & 15,423 & & 70 & & - & & - & & 70 \\
\hline Tax benefit - exercised non-qualified stock options & - & & 23 & & - & & - & & 23 \\
\hline Balance - December 31, 2007 & 6,722,784 & & 66,552 & & 5,805 & & 100 & & 72,457 \\
\hline Comprehensive income: & & & & & & & & & \\
\hline Net income & - & & - & & 798 & & - & & 798 \\
\hline Change in net unrealized gain (loss) on securities available for sale, net of tax effect & - & & - & & - & & 277 & & 277 \\
\hline Total Comprehensive & & & & & & & & & \\
\hline Income & & & & & & & & & 1,075 \\
\hline Options exercised & 34,861 & & 165 & & - & & - & & 165 \\
\hline Cumulative effect adjustment - adoption of accounting for post-retirement benefit costs & - & & & & (385) & & - & & (385) \\
\hline Stock Dividend - 3\% & 202,176 & & 1,480 & & \((1,480)\) & & - & & - \\
\hline Balance - December 31, 2008 & 6,959,821 & \$ & 68,197 & \$ & 4,738 & \$ & 377 & \$ & 73,312 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

\section*{Cash Flows from Operating Activities}

Net income
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:
Depreciation and amortization
Provision for loan losses
Intangible amortization
Deferred income taxes
Net amortization (accretion) of premiums and discounts
Net increase in investment in life insurance
Commercial loan participations originated for sale
Proceeds from sales of commercial loan participations
Decrease (increase) in assets:
Accrued interest receivable
Other assets
(Decrease) increase in liabilities:
Accrued interest payable
Other liabilities

\section*{Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities}

\section*{Cash Flows from Investing Activities}

Purchase of securities held to maturity
Purchase of securities available for sale
Proceeds from repayments and maturities of securities held to maturity
Proceeds from repayments and maturities of securities available for sale
Net increase in loans
Purchase of premises and equipment

Net Cash Used in Investing Activities
Cash Flows from Financing Activities
Net increase (decrease) in deposits
Net (decrease) increase in securities sold under agreements to repurchase
Proceeds from long-term debt
Proceeds from exercise of stock options
Tax benefit of options exercised

Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning

Cash and Cash Equivalents - Ending

Supplementary Cash Flows Information
Interest paid

Income taxes paid
(857)
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|r|}{Years Ended December 31,} \\
\hline \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{2008} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{2007} \\
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{(In Thousands)} \\
\hline \$ & 798 & \$ & 3,652 \\
\hline & 1,125 & & 1,028 \\
\hline & 2,301 & & 108 \\
\hline & 316 & & 354 \\
\hline & (908) & & 33 \\
\hline & 49 & & (12) \\
\hline & (150) & & (130) \\
\hline & (343) & & \((12,154)\) \\
\hline & 343 & & 12,154 \\
\hline & 340 & & 54 \\
\hline & (109) & & 312 \\
\hline & (249) & & (56) \\
\hline & 78 & & 463 \\
\hline & 3,591 & & 5,806 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
\((27,629)\)
\begin{tabular}{rr}
- & 23 \\
& 19 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

13,004

15,177
\(\$ \quad \mathbf{2 3 , 0 1 7} \$\)
\begin{tabular}{llll}
\(\mathbf{\$}\) & \(\mathbf{1 2 , 2 2 6}\) & & 15,935 \\
\hline \hline & & \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

\section*{Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies}

\section*{A. Organization and Basis of Presentation}

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Community Partners Bancorp (the "Company" or "Community Partners"), a bank holding company, and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Two River Community Bank ("the Bank") and the Bank's wholly-owned subsidiary, TRCB Investment Corporation, and wholly-owned trust, Two River Community Bank Employer’s Trust. Effective December 31, 2008, Community Partners Bancorp finalized the legal consolidation of its two wholly-owned bank subsidiaries, The Town Bank and Two River Community Bank into one State chartered bank, Two River Community Bank. All inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated in the consolidated financial statements.

\section*{B. Nature of Operations}

Community Partners is a bank holding company whose principal activity is the ownership of Two River Community Bank. Through its banking subsidiary, the Company provides banking services to small and medium-sized businesses, professionals and individual consumers primarily in Monmouth County, New Jersey and Union County, New Jersey. The Company competes with other banking and financial institutions in its market communities.

The Company and its bank subsidiary are subject to regulations of certain state and federal agencies and, accordingly, they are periodically examined by those regulatory authorities. As a consequence of the extensive regulation of commercial banking activities, the Company's and the Bank's businesses are susceptible to being affected by state and federal legislation and regulations.

\section*{C. Estimates}

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The principal material estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant change in the near term relate to: the allowance for loan losses, certain intangible assets, such as goodwill and core deposit intangible, the potential impairment of restricted stock, the valuation of deferred tax assets and the determination of other-than-temporary impairment on securities.

\section*{D. Significant Concentrations of Credit Risk}

Most of the Company's activities are with customers located within Monmouth County, New Jersey and Union County, New Jersey. Note 3 discusses the types of securities that the Company invests in. Note 4 discusses the types of lending that the Company engages in. Although the Company actively manages the diversification of its loan portfolio, a substantial portion of its debtors' ability to honor their contracts is dependent upon the strength of the local economy. The loan portfolio includes commercial real estate, which is comprised of owner occupied and investment real estate, including general office, medical, manufacturing and retail space. Construction loans, short-term in nature, comprise another portion of the portfolio, along with commercial and industrial loans. The latter includes lines of credit and equipment loans. From time to time, the Company may purchase or sell an interest in a loan from or to another lender (participation loan) in order to manage its portfolio risk. Loans purchased by the Company are typically located in central New Jersey and meet the Company's own independent underwriting guidelines. The Company does not have any significant concentrations in any one industry or customer.

\section*{Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)}

\section*{E. Statement of Cash Flows}

For purposes of reporting cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, amounts due from banks, interest bearing demand deposits, and federal funds sold. Generally federal funds are purchased and sold for one-day periods.

\section*{F. Securities}

Securities classified as available for sale are those securities that the Company intends to hold for an indefinite period of time but not necessarily to maturity. Securities available for sale are carried at fair value. Any decision to sell a security classified as available for sale would be based on various factors, including significant movement in interest rates, changes in maturity mix of the Company's assets and liabilities, liquidity needs, regulatory capital considerations and other similar factors. Unrealized gains or losses are reported as increases or decreases in other comprehensive income, net of the related deferred tax effect. Realized gains or losses, determined on the basis of the cost of the specific securities sold, are included in earnings. Premiums and discounts are recognized in interest income using the interest method over the terms of the securities. Gains and losses on the sale of securities available for sale are recorded on the trade date and are determined using the specific identification method.

Securities classified as held to maturity are those securities the Company has both the intent and ability to hold to maturity regardless of changes in market conditions, liquidity needs or changes in general economic conditions. These securities are carried at cost adjusted for the amortization of premium and accretion of discount, computed by the interest method over the terms of the securities.

Management determines the appropriate classification of debt securities at the time of purchase and re-evaluates such designation as of each balance sheet date.

Declines in the fair value of held to maturity and available for sale securities below their cost that are deemed to be other than temporary are reflected in earnings as realized losses. In estimating other-than-temporary impairment losses, management considers (1) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, (2) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, and (3) the intent and ability of the Company to retain its investment in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value.

Restricted stock which represents the required investment in the common stock of correspondent banks is carried at cost and as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, consists of the common stock of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York (FHLB) and Atlantic Central Bankers Bank (ACBB). Federal law requires a member institution of the Federal Home Loan Bank to hold stock of its district Federal Home Loan Bank according to a predetermined formula.

Management evaluates the restricted stock for impairment in accordance with Statement of Position (SOP) 01-6, "Accounting by Certain Entities (Including Entities With Trade Receivables) That Lend to or Finance the Activities of Others." Management's determination of whether these investments are impaired is based on their assessment of the ultimate recoverability of their cost rather than by recognizing temporary declines in value. The determination of whether a decline affects the ultimate recoverability of their cost is influenced by criteria such as (1) the significance of the decline in net assets of the FHLB as compared to the capital stock amount for the FHLB and the length of time this situation has persisted, (2) commitments by the FHLB to make payments required by law or regulation and the level of such payments in relation to the operating performance of the FHLB, and (3) the impact of legislative and regulatory changes on institutions and, accordingly, on the customer base of the FHLB. Management believes no impairment charge is necessary related to FHLB stock as of December 31, 2008.

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\section*{Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)}

\section*{G. Loans Receivable}

Loans receivable that management has the intent and ability to hold for the foreseeable future or until maturity or payoff are stated at their outstanding unpaid principal balances, net of an allowance for loan losses and any deferred fees or costs. Interest income is accrued on the unpaid principal balance. Loan origination fees, net of certain direct origination costs, are deferred and recognized as an adjustment of the yield (interest income) of the related loans. The Company is generally amortizing these amounts over the contractual life of the loan.

The accrual of interest is discontinued when the contractual payment of principal or interest has become 90 days past due or management has serious doubts about further collectibility of principal or interest, even though the loan is currently performing. A loan may remain on accrual status if it is in the process of collection and is either guaranteed or well secured. When a loan is placed on non-accrual status, unpaid interest credited to income in the current year is reversed and unpaid interest accrued in prior years is charged against the allowance for loan losses. Interest received on non-accrual loans generally is either applied against principal or reported as interest income, according to management's judgment as to the collectibility of principal.

Generally, loans are restored to accrual status when the obligation is brought current, has performed in accordance with the contractual terms for a reasonable period of time and the ultimate collectibility of the total contractual principal and interest is no longer in doubt.

\section*{H. Allowance for Loan Losses}

The allowance for loan losses is established through provisions for loan losses charged against income. Loans deemed to be uncollectible are charged against the allowance for loan losses, and subsequent recoveries, if any, are credited to the allowance.

The allowance for loan losses is maintained at a level considered adequate to provide for losses that can be reasonably anticipated. Management's periodic evaluation of the adequacy of the allowance is based on the Company's past loan loss experience, known and inherent risks in the portfolio, adverse situations that may affect the borrower's ability to repay, the estimated value of any underlying collateral, composition of the loan portfolio, current economic conditions and other relevant factors. This evaluation is inherently subjective as it requires material estimates that may be susceptible to significant revision as more information becomes available.

The allowance consists of specific, general and unallocated components. The specific component relates to loans that are classified as either doubtful, substandard or loss. For such loans that are also classified as impaired, an allowance is established when the discounted cash flows (or collateral value or observable market price) of the impaired loan is lower than the carrying value of that loan. The general component covers non-classified loans and is based on historical loss experience adjusted for qualitative factors. An unallocated component is maintained to cover uncertainties that could affect management's estimate of probable losses. The unallocated component of the allowance reflects the margin of imprecision inherent in the underlying assumptions used in the methodologies for estimating specific and general losses in the portfolio.

A loan is considered impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect the scheduled payments of principal or interest when due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Factors considered by management in determining impairment include payment status, collateral value and the probability of collecting scheduled principal and interest payments when due. Loans that experience insignificant payment delays and payment shortfalls generally are not classified as impaired. Management determines the significance of payment delays and payment shortfalls on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration all of the circumstances surrounding the loan and the borrower, including the length of the delay, the reasons for the delay, the borrower's prior payment record and the amount of the shortfall in relation to the principal and interest owed. Impairment is measured on a loan by loan basis for commercial loans by either the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate or the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent.

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\section*{Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)}

Large groups of smaller balance homogeneous loans are collectively evaluated for impairment. Accordingly, the Company does not separately identify individual consumer, residential, and home equity loans for impairment disclosures, unless such loans are the subject of a restructuring agreement.

\section*{I. Transfers of Financial Assets}

Transfers of financial assets, including loan participation sales, are accounted for as sales, when control over the assets has been surrendered. Control over transferred assets is deemed to be surrendered when (1) the assets have been isolated from the Company, (2) the transferee obtains the right (free of conditions that constrain it from taking advantage of that right) to pledge or exchange the transferred assets and (3) the Company does not maintain effective control over the transferred assets through an agreement to repurchase them before their maturity. The Company sold loan participations to other banks in the amount of \(\$ 343,000\) and \(\$ 12,154,000\) during the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. No gains or losses were recognized on these participations sold. The Company had no loan participations held for sale at December 31, 2008 and 2007. The balance of participations sold to other banks that are serviced by the Company was \(\$ 6,979,000\) and \(\$ 21,390,000\) at December 31, 2008 and 2007 , respectively. No servicing asset or liability has been recognized due to immateriality.

\section*{J. Bank-Owned Life Insurance}

The Company invests in bank-owned life insurance ("BOLI") as a source of funding for employee benefit expenses. BOLI involves the purchasing of life insurance by the Company's wholly-owned trust on a chosen group of employees. The Company is the owner and beneficiary of the policies. This life insurance investment is carried at the cash surrender value of the underlying policies. Income generated from the increase in cash surrender value of the policies is included in non-interest income on the income statement.

\section*{K. Bank Premises and Equipment}

Premises and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged to operations on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of their estimated life or the lease term.

\section*{L. Advertising}

The Company expenses advertising costs as incurred.

\section*{M. Income Taxes}

Deferred income taxes are provided on the liability method whereby deferred tax assets are recognized for deductible temporary differences and deferred tax liabilities are recognized for taxable temporary differences. Temporary differences are the differences between the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and their tax basis. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more likely than not that some portion of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are adjusted for the effects of changes in tax laws and rates on the date of enactment. The Company and its subsidiary file a consolidated federal income tax return.

\section*{Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)}

In July 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued FASB Interpretation ("FIN") No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes." This Interpretation requires an entity to analyze each tax position taken in its tax returns and determine the likelihood that the position will be realized. Only tax positions that are "more-likely-than-not" to be realized can be recognized in an entity's financial statements. For tax positions that do not meet this recognition threshold, an entity will record an unrecognized tax benefit for the difference between the position taken on the tax return and the amount recognized in the financial statements. The Company adopted this Interpretation on January 1, 2007. The Company does not have any material unrecognized tax benefits or accrued interest or penalties at December 31, 2008 or 2007 or during the years then ended. No unrecognized tax benefits are expected to arise within the next twelve months. The Company's policy is to account for interest as a component of interest expense and penalties as a component of other expenses. The Company and its subsidiaries are subject to U.S. federal income tax as well as income tax of the State of New Jersey. The Company is no longer subject to examination by taxing authorities for the years before January 1, 2005.

\section*{N. Off-Balance Sheet Financial Instruments}

In the ordinary course of business, the Company has entered into off-balance sheet financial instruments consisting of commitments to extend credit and letters of credit. Such financial instruments are recorded in the balance sheet when they are funded.

\section*{O. Earnings per Share}

On August 29, 2008, the Company declared a 3\% stock dividend on common stock outstanding payable October 17, 2008 to shareholders of record on September 30, 2008. The stock dividend resulted in the issuance of 202,176 additional common shares. All share amounts and per share data have been adjusted for the effect of the stock dividend.

On July 17, 2007, the Company declared a 3\% stock dividend on common stock outstanding payable August 31, 2007 to shareholders of record on August 10, 2007. The stock dividend resulted in the issuance of 195,779 additional common shares. All share amounts and per share data have been adjusted for the effect of the stock dividend.

Earnings per share are calculated on the basis of the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the year. All weighted average, actual shares or per share information in the financial statements have been adjusted retroactively for the effect of the stock dividends. Basic earnings per share excludes dilution and is computed by dividing income available to common shareholders by the weighted average common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share takes into account the potential dilution that could occur if certain outstanding securities to issue common stock were exercised and converted into common stock. Potential common shares relate solely to outstanding stock options, and are determined using the treasury stock method.

\section*{P. Stock-Based Compensation}

Effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted the fair value recognition provisions of FASB Statement No. 123(R), "Share Based Payment," using the modified-prospective transition method. Under that transition method, compensation cost recognized after January 1, 2006 includes: (a) compensation cost for all share-based payments granted prior to, but not yet vested, as of January 1, 2006 based on the grant-date fair value calculated in accordance with the provision of Statement No. 123, and (b) compensation cost for all share-based payments granted subsequent to December 31, 2005, based on the grant-date fair value calculated in accordance with the provision of Statement 123(R). The Company had no non-vested stock options at December 31, 2005, therefore, the adoption of Statement 123(R) relates only to share-based payments granted after January 1, 2006. Community Partners has not granted any stock options, restricted stock grants or any other share-based compensation awards since adoption.

\section*{Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)}

\section*{Q. Fair Value Measurements}

In September 2006, the FASB issued FASB Statement No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ("SFAS 157"), which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value under GAAP, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 applies to other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements. The standard is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and for interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company adopted SFAS 157 effective for its fiscal year beginning January 1, 2008. In December 2007, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position (FSP) No. SFAS 157-2, "Effective Date of FAS 157" for all non-financial assets and liabilities, except those that are recognized or disclosed at fair value on a recurring basis (at least annually) to fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008 and interim periods within those fiscal years. As such, the Company only partially adopted the provisions of SFAS 157, and will begin to account and report for non-financial assets and liabilities in 2009. In October 2008, the FASB issued FSP SFAS No. 157-3, to clarify the application of the provisions of SFAS 157 in an inactive market and how an entity would determine fair value in an inactive market. FSP 157-3 is effective immediately and applies to our December 31, 2008 financial statements. The adoption of SFAS 157 and FSP No. FAS 157-3 had no impact on the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements. The primary effect of SFAS 157 on the Company was to expand the required disclosures pertaining to the methods used to determine fair values.

\section*{R. Reclassification}

Certain amounts in the 2007 financial statements have been reclassified to conform with the presentation used in the 2008 financial statements. These reclassifications had no effect on net income.

\section*{S. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets}

The Company applies the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 142 "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," which established financial accounting and reporting standards for acquired goodwill and other intangible assets. Under SFAS No. 142, goodwill is no longer amortized but is reviewed at least annually for impairment. Other intangible assets that have finite useful lives will continue to be amortized over their useful lives.

SFAS No. 142 requires that goodwill be tested for impairment annually or more frequently if impairment indicators arise utilizing a two-step methodology. The initial step requires the Company to determine the fair value of the reporting unit and compare it to the carrying value, including goodwill, of such reporting unit. If the fair value exceeds the carrying value, no impairment loss is recognized. However, a carrying value that exceeds its fair value may be an indication of impaired goodwill. The amount, if any, of the impairment would then be measured and an impairment loss would be recognized. The Company's goodwill was recognized in connection with the acquisition of Town Bank in April 2006.

We used the market approach and the income approach to measure fair value of the reporting unit, which was identified as our community banking operations, which is our only operating segment. In performing the analysis, numerous assumptions were made with respect to industry performance, business, economic and market conditions and various other matters, many of which are beyond our control and cannot be predicted with any degree of certainty. Accordingly, the analysis and estimates are inherently subject to substantial uncertainty and fair values estimated in the evaluation may not necessarily be obtained in an actual sale transaction. Based on the analysis and evaluation, the fair value of the reporting unit exceeded its book value and therefore there was no goodwill impairment recognized.

\section*{Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)}

The Company acquired core deposit intangible assets in conjunction with the acquisition of Town Bank. This intangible asset has a carrying value of \(\$ 1,149,000\) net of accumulated amortization of \(\$ 957,000\), as of December 31, 2008 and a carrying value of \(\$ 1,465,000\) net of accumulated amortization of \(\$ 641,000\) as of December 31, 2007. Amortization expense related to intangible assets was \(\$ 316,000\) and \(\$ 354,000\) for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

The aggregate estimated amortization expense for the next five fiscal years is expected to be as follows: (in thousands):
\begin{tabular}{rr}
2009 & \(\mathbf{\$ 2 7 8}\) \\
2010 & \(\mathbf{2 3 9}\) \\
2011 & \(\mathbf{2 0 1}\) \\
2012 & \(\mathbf{1 6 3}\) \\
2013 & \(\mathbf{1 2 4}\)
\end{tabular}

\section*{T. Segment Reporting}

The Company acts as an independent community financial services provider, and offers traditional banking and related financial services to individual, business and government customers. Through its branch, automated teller machine networks, and internet banking services, the Company offers a full array of commercial and retail financial services, including taking of time, savings and demand deposits; the making of commercial, consumer and mortgage loans; and the providing of other financial services. Management does not separately allocate expenses, including the cost of funding loan demand, between the commercial, retail, and consumer banking operations of the Company. As such, discrete financial information is not available and segment reporting would not be meaningful.

\section*{U. Recent Accounting Pronouncements}

In December 2007, the FASB issued Statement No. 141 (R), "Business Combinations" ("SFAS 141R"). SFAS 141R establishes principles and requirements for how the acquirer of a business recognizes and measures in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and any non-controlling interest in the acquiree. SFAS 141R also provides guidance for recognizing and measuring the goodwill acquired in the business combination and determines what information to disclose to enable users of the financial statements to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the business combination. The guidance will become effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. This new pronouncement will impact the Company’s accounting for business combinations beginning January 1, 2009.

Also in December 2007, the FASB issued Statement No. 160, "Non-controlling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements an amendment of ARB No. 51" ("SFAS 160"). SFAS 160 establishes accounting and reporting standards for the non-controlling interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. The guidance will become effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. The Company believes that this new pronouncement will have an immaterial impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements in future periods.

In February 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position 140-3, "Accounting for Transfers of Financial Assets and Repurchase Financing Transactions" ("FSP 140-3"). FSP 140-3 addresses the issue of whether or not these transactions should be viewed as two separate transactions or as one "linked" transaction. FSP 140-3 includes a "rebuttable presumption" that presumes linkage of the two transactions unless the presumption can be overcome by meeting certain criteria. FSP 140-3 will be effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008 and will apply only to original transfers made after that date; early adoption will not be allowed. The Company is currently evaluating the potential impact the new pronouncement will have on its consolidated financial statements.

\section*{Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)}

In March 2008, the FASB issued FASB Statement No. 161, "Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities-an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133" ("SFAS 161"). SFAS 161 requires entities that utilize derivative instruments to provide qualitative disclosures about their objectives and strategies for using such instruments, as well as any details of credit-risk-related contingent features contained within derivatives. Statement 161 also requires entities to disclose additional information about the amounts and location of derivatives located within the financial statements, how the provisions of SFAS 133 has been applied, and the impact that hedges have on an entity's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. Statement 161 is effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008, with early application encouraged. The impact to the Company will be to require the Company to expand its disclosure regarding its derivative instruments, if applicable.

In April 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position 142-3, "Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets" ("FSP \(142-3^{\prime \prime}\) ). FSP \(142-3\) amends the factors that should be considered in developing renewal or extension assumptions used to determine the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under FASB Statement No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets" ("SFAS 142"). The intent of FSP 142-3 is to improve the consistency between the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under SFAS 142 and the period of expected cash flows used to measure the fair value of the asset under SFAS 141R, and other GAAP. FSP 142-3 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is prohibited. The Company expects that FSP \(142-3\) will not have an impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In May 2008, the FASB issued FASB Statement No. 162, "The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles" ("SFAS 162"). SFAS 162 identifies the sources of accounting principles and the framework for selecting the principles used in the preparation of financial statements. SFAS 162 is effective November 15, 2008. This new pronouncement did not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In June 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position ("FSP") EITF 03-6-1, "Determining Whether Instruments Granted in Share-Based Payment Transactions Are Participating Securities." This FSP clarifies that all outstanding unvested share-based payment awards that contain rights to nonforfeitable dividends participate in undistributed earnings with common shareholders. Awards of this nature are considered participating securities and the two-class method of computing basic and diluted earnings per share must be applied. This FSP is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. The Company is currently evaluating the potential impact the new pronouncement will have on its consolidated financial statements.

In September 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position 133-1 and FASB Interpretation No. 45-4, "Disclosures about Credit Derivatives and Certain Guarantees: An Amendment of FASB Statement No. 133 and FASB Interpretation No. 45; and Clarification of the Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 161" ("FSP 133-1 and FIN 45-4"). FSP 133-1 and FIN 45-4 amends and enhances disclosure requirements for sellers of credit derivatives and financial guarantees. It also clarifies that the disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 161 are effective for quarterly periods beginning after November 15, 2008, and fiscal years that include those periods. FSP 133-1 and FIN 45-4 is effective for reporting periods (annual or interim) ending after November 15, 2008. The implementation of this standard did not have an impact on our consolidated financial position and results of operations.

In November 2008, the SEC released a proposed roadmap regarding the potential use by U.S. issuers of financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). IFRS is a comprehensive series of accounting standards published by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). Under the proposed roadmap, the Company may be required to prepare financial statements in accordance with IFRS as early as 2014. The SEC will make a determination in 2011 regarding the mandatory adoption of IFRS. The Company is currently assessing the impact that this potential change would have on its consolidated financial statements, and it will continue to monitor the development of the potential implementation of IFRS.

\section*{Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)}

In December 2008, the FASB issued FSP FAS 132(R)-1, "Employers' Disclosures about Postretirement Benefit Plan Assets". This FSP amends SFAS 132(R), "Employers' Disclosures about Pensions and Other Postretirement Benefits", to provide guidance on an employer's disclosures about plan assets of a defined benefit pension or other postretirement plan. The disclosures about plan assets required by this FSP shall be provided for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2009. The Company is currently reviewing the effect this new pronouncement will have on its consolidated financial statements.

In December 2008, the FASB issued FSP SFAS 140-4 and FASB Interpretation (FIN) 46(R)-8, "Disclosures by Public Entities (Enterprises) about Transfers of Financial Assets and Interests in Variable Interest Entities" ("FSP SFAS 140-4 and FIN 46(R)-8"). FSP SFAS 140-4 and FIN 46(R)-8 amends FASB SFAS 140 "Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities", to require public entities to provide additional disclosures about transfers of financial assets. It also amends FIN 46(R), "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities", to require public enterprises, including sponsors that have a variable interest in a variable interest entity, to provide additional disclosures about their involvement with variable interest entities. Additionally, this FSP requires certain disclosures to be provided by a public enterprise that is (a) a sponsor of a qualifying special purpose entity (SPE) that holds a variable interest in the qualifying SPE but was not the transferor of financial assets to the qualifying SPE and (b) a servicer of a qualifying SPE that holds a significant variable interest in the qualifying SPE but was not the transferor of financial assets to the qualifying SPE. The disclosures required by FSP SFAS 140-4 and FIN 46(R)-8 are intended to provide greater transparency to financial statement users about a transferor's continuing involvement with transferred financial assets and an enterprise's involvement with variable interest entities and qualifying SPEs. FSP SFAS 140-4 and FIN \(46(\mathrm{R})\) is effective for reporting periods (annual or interim) ending after December 15, 2008. The adoption of this new pronouncement did not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In January 2009, the FASB issued FSP EITF 99-20-1, "Amendments to the Impairment of Guidance of EITF Issue No. 99-20" ("FSP EITF 99-20-1"). FSP EITF 99-20-1 amends the impairment guidance in EITF Issue No. 99-20, "Recognition of Interest Income and Impairment on Purchased Beneficial Interests and Beneficial Interests That Continue to Be Held by a Transferor in Securitized Financial Assets", to achieve more consistent determination of whether an other-than-temporary impairment has occurred. FSP EITF 99-20-1 also retains and emphasizes the objective of an other-than-temporary impairment assessment and the related disclosure requirements in SFAS No. 115, "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities", and other related guidance. FSP EITF 99-20-1 is effective for interim and annual reporting periods ending after December 15, 2008, and shall be applied prospectively. Retrospective application to a prior interim or annual reporting period is not permitted. The adoption of this pronouncement did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

\section*{Note 2 - Change in Accounting Principle}

In September 2006, the FASB’s Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) issued EITF Issue No. 06-4, "Accounting for Deferred Compensation and Postretirement Benefit Aspects of Endorsement Split Dollar Life Insurance Arrangements" ("EITF 06-4"). EITF 06-4 requires the recognition of a liability related to the postretirement benefits covered by an endorsement split-dollar life insurance arrangement. The consensus highlights that the employer (who is also the policyholder) has a liability for the benefit it is providing to its employee. For transition, an entity can choose to apply the guidance using either the following approaches: (a) a change in accounting principle through retrospective application to all periods presented or (b) a change in accounting principle through a cumulative-effect adjustment to the balance in retained earnings at the beginning of the year of adoption. The EITF is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2007, with early adoption permitted. The Company has chosen approach (b) and recorded a cumulative effect adjustment as of January 1, 2008 as a charge to retained earnings of \(\$ 385,000\), with a \(\$ 50,000\) expense for the year ended December 31, 2008.

\section*{Note 3 - Securities}

The amortized cost, gross unrealized gains and losses, and fair values of the Company's securities are summarized as follows:
\begin{tabular}{cccc} 
& Gross & Gross & \\
Amortized & Unrealized & Unrealized & Fair \\
Cost & Gains & Losses & Value \\
& & &
\end{tabular}
(In Thousands)
December 31, 2008:
Securities available for sale:
U.S. Government agency securities
Municipal securities
Mortgage-backed securities
Corporate debt securities and others

Federal Home Loan Bank stock
ACBB stock
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \$ & 23,257 & \$ & 670 & \$ & - & \$ & 23,927 \\
\hline & 2,247 & & 20 & & - & & 2,267 \\
\hline & 27,252 & & 660 & & (83) & & 27,829 \\
\hline & 2,577 & & 102 & & (731) & & 1,948 \\
\hline & 55,333 & & 1,452 & & (814) & & 55,971 \\
\hline & 680 & & - & & - & & 680 \\
\hline & 75 & & - & & - & & 75 \\
\hline \$ & 56,088 & \$ & 1,452 & \$ & (814) & \$ & 56,726 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Securities held to maturity:
Municipal securities
Corporate debt securities and others
\begin{tabular}{lrlrlrlr}
\(\$\) & \(\mathbf{6 , 1 3 9}\) & \(\$\) & 90 & \(\$\) & \begin{tabular}{rl}
\((73)\) \\
1,801
\end{tabular} & & \(\$\)
\end{tabular}

December 31, 2007:
Securities available for sale:
U.S. Government agency securities

Municipal securities
Mortgage-backed securities
Corporate debt securities and others

Federal Home Loan Bank stock
ACBB stock


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\section*{Note 3 - Securities (Continued)}

The amortized cost and fair value of the Company's debt securities at December 31, 2008, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Expected maturities will differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[t]{3}{*}{} & \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{Available for Sale} & \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{Held to Maturity} \\
\hline & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{Amortized Cost} & \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{Fair Value} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{Amortized Cost} & \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{\begin{tabular}{l}
Fair \\
Value
\end{tabular}} \\
\hline & & & & (In Th & a & & & \\
\hline Due in one year or less & \$ & 7,140 & \$ & 7,160 & \$ & - & \$ & \\
\hline Due in one year through five years & & 12,746 & & 13,140 & & 649 & & 660 \\
\hline Due in five years through ten years & & 5,492 & & 5,851 & & 1,032 & & 1,072 \\
\hline Due after ten years & & 2,703 & & 1,991 & & 6,259 & & 5,342 \\
\hline & & 28,081 & & 28,142 & & 7,940 & & 7,074 \\
\hline Mortgage-backed securities & & 27,252 & & 27,829 & & - & & - \\
\hline & \$ & 55,333 & \$ & 55,971 & \$ & 7,940 & \$ & 7,074 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

The Company had no sales of securities in 2008 and 2007.
Certain of the Company's investment securities, totaling \$25,789,000 and \$29,195,000 at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, were pledged as collateral to secure securities sold under agreements to repurchase and public deposits as required or permitted by law.

The tables below indicate the length of time individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position at December 31, 2008 and 2007:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[t]{3}{*}{} & \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{Less than 12 Months} & \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{12 Months or More} & \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{Total} \\
\hline & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{\begin{tabular}{l}
Fair \\
Value
\end{tabular}} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{\begin{tabular}{l}
Unrealized \\
Losses
\end{tabular}} & \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{\begin{tabular}{l}
Fair \\
Value
\end{tabular}} & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Unrealized Losses} & \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{\begin{tabular}{l}
Fair \\
Value
\end{tabular}} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{Unrealized Losses} \\
\hline & & & & & & (In Th & & & & & & \\
\hline \multicolumn{13}{|l|}{December 31, 2008:} \\
\hline Corporate debt securities & \$ & - & \$ & - & \$ & 1,685 & \$ & \((1,614)\) & \$ & 1,685 & \$ & \((1,614)\) \\
\hline Municipal securities & & 1,768 & & (73) & & - & & - & & 1,768 & & (73) \\
\hline Mortgage-backed securities & & 1,990 & & (15) & & 2,308 & & (68) & & 4,298 & & (83) \\
\hline \multicolumn{13}{|l|}{Total Temporarily} \\
\hline Impaired Securities & \$ & 3,758 & \$ & (88) & \$ & 3,993 & \$ & \((1,682)\) & \$ & 7,751 & \$ & \((1,770)\) \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Note 3 - Securities (Continued)


The Company had 24 securities in an unrealized loss position at December 31, 2008. In management's opinion, the unrealized losses in municipal and mortgage-backed securities reflect changes in interest rates subsequent to the acquisition of specific securities. The unrealized losses for corporate debt securities also reflects a widening of spreads due to the liquidity and credit concerns in the financial markets. Corporate debt securities consists of four individual trust preferred securities issued by large financial institutions and one pooled trust preferred security comprised of securities issued by financial institutions. The decline in fair value of these securities is due in large part to the lack of an active trading market for these securities and changes in market credit spreads. None of the corporate issuers have defaulted on interest payments. For the pooled trust preferred security, management reviewed expected cash flows and credit support to determine if it was probable that all principal and interest would be repaid. The Company has the intent and ability to hold such investments until maturity or market price recovery. Management has considered factors regarding other than temporarily impaired securities and determined that there are no securities that are other than temporarily impaired as of December 31, 2008 and 2007. Future deterioration in the cash flow on these instruments or the credit quality of the financial institution issuers could result in impairment charges in the future.

\section*{Note 4 - Loans Receivable and Allowance for Loan Losses}

The components of the loan portfolio at December 31, 2008 and 2007 are as follows:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{2008} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{2007} \\
\hline & \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{(In Thousands)} \\
\hline Commercial and industrial & \$ & 120,404 & \$ & 114,657 \\
\hline Real estate - construction & & 76,128 & & 86,937 \\
\hline Real estate - commercial & & 177,650 & & 167,404 \\
\hline Real estate - residential & & 19,860 & & 4,955 \\
\hline Consumer & & 54,890 & & 42,627 \\
\hline Other & & 119 & & 711 \\
\hline & & 449,051 & & 417,291 \\
\hline Allowance for loan losses & & \((6,815)\) & & \((4,675)\) \\
\hline Unearned fees & & (271) & & (324) \\
\hline Net Loans & \$ & 441,965 & \$ & 412,292 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

\section*{Note 4 - Loans Receivable and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)}

The Company had \(\$ 12,958,000\) of loans on which the accrual of interest had been discontinued at December 31, 2008 and no loans on which the accrual of interest had been discontinued at December 31, 2007. There were no loan balances past due 90 days or more and still accruing interest at December 31, 2008. Loan balances past due 90 days or more and still accruing interest amounted to \(\$ 799,000\) at December 31, 2007.

The recorded investment in impaired loans, not requiring a specific allowance for loan losses, was \(\$ 9,324,000\) and \(\$ 835,000\) at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The recorded investment in impaired loans requiring a specific allowance for loan losses was \(\$ 8,432,000\) and \(\$ 0\) at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The reserve allocated to such loans at December 31, 2008 was \(\$ 2,257,000\). For the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, the average recorded investment in impaired loans was \(\$ 6,657,000\) and \(\$ 838,000\) and the interest income recognized on these impaired loans was \(\$ 129,000\) and \(\$ 68,000\), respectively.

Changes in the allowance for loan losses for the year ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 are as follows:
\begin{tabular}{lrrrr} 
& \multicolumn{2}{c}{\(\mathbf{2 0 0 8}\)} & \(\mathbf{2 0 0 7}\) \\
\cline { 3 - 5 } & (In Thousands) \\
Balance, beginning of year & \(\mathbf{4 , 6 7 5}\) & \(\$\) & 4,567 \\
Provision charged to expenses & \(\mathbf{2 , 3 0 1}\) & 108 \\
Loans charged-off, net & \(\mathbf{( 1 6 1 )}\) & \\
Balance, end of year & \(\mathbf{\$}\) & \(\mathbf{6 , 8 1 5}\) & \(\$\) & 4,675 \\
\hline \hline
\end{tabular}

\section*{Note 5 - Bank Premises and Equipment}

Premises and equipment at December 31, 2008 and 2007 are as follows:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} & Estimated Useful Lives & \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{2008} & \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{2007} \\
\hline & & \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{(In Thousands)} \\
\hline Land & Indefinite & \$ & 1,208 & \$ & 1,250 \\
\hline Buildings & 30 years & & 893 & & 893 \\
\hline Leasehold improvements & 5-15 years & & 4,193 & & 3,307 \\
\hline Furniture, fixtures and equipment & 3-7 years & & 3,896 & & 3,030 \\
\hline Computer equipment and software & 2-5 years & & 1,798 & & 1,611 \\
\hline Construction in progress & - & & 397 & & 642 \\
\hline & & & 12,385 & & 10,733 \\
\hline Less accumulated depreciation and amortization & & & (6,727) & & \((5,643)\) \\
\hline & & \$ & 5,658 & \$ & 5,090 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

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\section*{Note 6 - Deposits}

The components of deposits at December 31, 2008 and 2007 are as follows:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{2008} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{2007} \\
\hline & \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{(In Thousands)} \\
\hline Demand, non-interest bearing & \$ & 65,115 & \$ & 72,688 \\
\hline Demand, interest bearing - NOW, money market and savings & & 297,948 & & 182,425 \\
\hline Time, \$100,000 and over & & 62,898 & & 93,632 \\
\hline Time, other & & 48,878 & & 78,214 \\
\hline & \$ & 474,839 & \$ & 426,959 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

At December 31, 2008, the scheduled maturities of time deposits are as follows (in thousands):
\begin{tabular}{lrr}
2009 & \(\mathbf{1 0 3 , 6 4 4}\) \\
2010 & \(\mathbf{3 , 8 1 1}\) \\
2011 & \(\mathbf{1 , 1 9 4}\) \\
2012 & \(\mathbf{2 , 3 6 4}\) \\
2013 & \(\mathbf{7 6 3}\) \\
& & \\
& \(\$ \mathbf{1 1 1 , 7 7 6}\)
\end{tabular}

\section*{Note 7 - Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase}

Securities sold under agreements to repurchase, which are classified as secured borrowings, generally mature within one to four days from the transaction date. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase are reflected as the amount of cash received in connection with the transaction. Securities sold under these agreements are retained under the Company's control at their safekeeping agent. The Company may be required to provide additional collateral based on the fair value of the underlying securities. Information concerning repurchase agreements for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 is as follows:
\begin{tabular}{lcccc} 
& \multicolumn{2}{c}{\(\mathbf{2 0 0 8}\)} & & \(\mathbf{2 0 0 7}\) \\
& (Dollars In Thousands) \\
Repurchase agreements: & \(\mathbf{1 1 , 3 7 7}\) & \(\$\) & 15,187 \\
Balance at year-end & \(\mathbf{1 6 , 9 5 7}\) & 14,384 \\
Average during the year & \(\mathbf{1 9 , 5 5 3}\) & 16,260 \\
Maximum month-end balance & \(\mathbf{2 . 5 8 \%}\) & \(3.75 \%\) \\
Weighted average rate during the year & \(\mathbf{2 . 3 1 \%}\) & \(3.17 \%\)
\end{tabular}

\section*{Note 8 - Borrowings}

Short-term borrowings consist of federal funds purchased and short-term advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank. Information concerning short-term borrowings for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 is as follows:
\begin{tabular}{lcccc} 
& \multicolumn{2}{c}{2008} & & 2007 \\
(Dollars In Thousands) \\
Short-term borrowings: & \(\$\) & - & \(\$\) & - \\
Balance at year-end & \(\mathbf{7 1 5}\) & 129 \\
Average during the year & \(\mathbf{5 , 3 4 6}\) & 161 \\
Maximum month-end balance & \(\mathbf{2 . 8 0 \%}\) & \(5.08 \%\)
\end{tabular}

The Company has an unsecured line of credit totaling \(\$ 10,000,000\) with another financial institution that bears interest at a variable rate and is renewed annually. There were no borrowings under this line of credit at December 31, 2008 and 2007.

The Company has a maximum borrowing capacity with the Federal Home Loan Bank of approximately \$69,000,000. There were no short-term borrowings from the Federal Home Loan Bank at December 31, 2008 and 2007. Advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank are secured by qualifying assets of the Bank.

Long-term debt consists of a \(\$ 7,500,000\) convertible note due in November 2017 at an interest rate of \(3.965 \%\), from the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) that is collateralized by the Company's real estate loan portfolio. The convertible note contains an option which allows the FHLB to adjust the rate on the note in November 2012 to the then-current market rate offered by the FHLB. The Company has the option to repay this advance, if converted, without penalty.

\section*{Note 9 - Employee Benefit Plans}

Under the \(401(\mathrm{k})\) plan, all employees are eligible to contribute from \(3 \%\) to a maximum of \(20 \%\) of their annual salary. Annually the Company matches a percentage of employee contributions. The Company contributed \(\$ 181,000\) and \(\$ 149,000\) for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Each year, the Company may at its discretion elect to contribute profit sharing amounts into the \(401(\mathrm{k})\) plan. For the year ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, the Company has not contributed any profit sharing amounts.

The Company has a non-qualified Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan for certain executive officers that provides for payments upon retirement, death or disability. At December 31, 2008 and 2007, other liabilities included approximately \(\$ 505,000\) and \(\$ 428,000\), respectively, accrued under this plan. Expenses related to this plan included in the consolidated statements of income are approximately \(\$ 77,000\) and \(\$ 119,000\) for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

\section*{Note 10 - Comprehensive Income}

Accounting principles generally require that recognized revenue, expenses, gains and losses be included in net income. Although certain changes in assets and liabilities, such as unrealized gains and losses on available for sale securities, are reported as a separate component of the equity section of the balance sheet, such items, along with net income, are components of comprehensive income.

\section*{Note 10 - Comprehensive Income (Continued)}

The components of other comprehensive income and related tax effects for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 are as follows:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{2008} & \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{2007} \\
\hline & \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{(In Thousands)} \\
\hline Unrealized holding gains on available for sale securities Tax effect & \$ & \[
\begin{gathered}
458 \\
(181) \\
\hline
\end{gathered}
\] & \$ & \[
\begin{gathered}
646 \\
(253)
\end{gathered}
\] \\
\hline Net of Tax Amount & \$ & 277 & \$ & 393 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

\section*{Note 11 - Federal Income Taxes}

The components of income tax expense for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 are as follows:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} & \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{2008} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{2007} \\
\hline & \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{(In Thousands)} \\
\hline Current & \$ & 1,138 & \$ & 2,246 \\
\hline Deferred & & (908) & & 33 \\
\hline & \$ & 230 & \$ & 2,279 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

A reconciliation of the statutory income tax at a rate of \(34 \%\) to the income tax expense included in the statements of income is as follows for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007:

Federal income tax at statutory rate
Tax exempt interest
Bank-owned life insurance income
State income taxes, net of federal income tax benefit
Other
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|c|}{2008} & \multicolumn{3}{|c|}{2007} \\
\hline \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{Amount} & \% & \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{Amount} & \% \\
\hline & & ( In Thou & an & & \\
\hline \$ & 350 & 34.0\% & \$ & 2,017 & 34.0\% \\
\hline & (129) & (12.5) & & (80) & (1.3) \\
\hline & (51) & (5.0) & & (44) & (0.7) \\
\hline & 39 & 3.8 & & 335 & 5.6 \\
\hline & 21 & 2.1 & & 51 & 0.8 \\
\hline \$ & 230 & 22.4\% & \$ & 2,279 & 38.4\% \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

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\section*{Note 11 - Federal Income Taxes (Continued)}

The components of the net deferred tax asset, included in other assets, as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, were as follows:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} & \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{2008} & \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{2007} \\
\hline & \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{(In Thousands)} \\
\hline \multicolumn{5}{|l|}{Deferred tax assets:} \\
\hline Allowance for loan losses & \$ & 1,993 & \$ & 1,134 \\
\hline Depreciation and amortization & & 518 & & 566 \\
\hline Deferred compensation & & 201 & & 172 \\
\hline Other & & 28 & & 1 \\
\hline & & 2,740 & & 1,873 \\
\hline \multicolumn{5}{|l|}{Deferred tax liabilities:} \\
\hline Purchase accounting adjustments & & (402) & & (445) \\
\hline Unrealized gain on investment securities available for sale & & (261) & & (80) \\
\hline Other & & (72) & & (70) \\
\hline & & (735) & & (595) \\
\hline Net Deferred Tax Asset & \$ & 2,005 & \$ & 1,278 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

\section*{Note 12 - Earnings Per Share}

The following sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[t]{3}{*}{} & \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{Years Ended December 31,} \\
\hline & \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{2008} & \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{2007} \\
\hline & \multicolumn{4}{|r|}{(In Thousands, Except Per Share Data)} \\
\hline Net income applicable to common stock & \$ & 798 & \$ & 3,652 \\
\hline Weighted average common shares outstanding & & 6,945 & & 6,919 \\
\hline Effect of dilutive securities, stock options & & 111 & & 173 \\
\hline Weighted average common shares outstanding used to calculate diluted earnings per share & & 7,056 & & 7,092 \\
\hline Basic earnings per share & \$ & 0.11 & \$ & 0.53 \\
\hline Diluted earnings per share & \$ & 0.11 & \$ & 0.51 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Stock options for 422,000 and 390,000 shares of common stock were not considered in computing diluted earnings per common share for 2008 and 2007, respectively, because they were anti-dilutive.

\section*{Note 13 - Lease Commitments and Total Rental Expense}

The Company leases banking facilities under non-cancelable operating lease agreements expiring through 2021. Aggregate rent expense was \(\$ 1,169,000\) and \(\$ 934,000\) for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

The approximate future minimum rental commitments under operating leases at December 31, 2008 are as follows (in thousands):
\begin{tabular}{llr}
2009 & \(\$\) & \(\mathbf{9 9 4}\) \\
2010 & & \(\mathbf{8 1 2}\) \\
2011 & \(\mathbf{6 9 8}\) \\
2012 & & \(\mathbf{7 0 5}\) \\
2013 & \(\mathbf{6 5 2}\) \\
Thereafter & & \(\mathbf{2 , 9 5 0}\) \\
\cline { 3 - 3 } & & \\
& \(\mathbf{\$}\) & \(\mathbf{6 , 8 1 1}\)
\end{tabular}

\section*{Note 14 - Stock Option Plans}

Both Two River and the Town Bank had stock option plans outstanding at the time of their acquisition by Community Partners for the benefit of their employees and directors. The plans provided for the granting of both incentive and non-qualified stock options. All stock options outstanding at the time of acquisition, April 1, 2006, were fully vested. There are no shares available for grant under these prior plans.

On March 20, 2007, the Board of Directors adopted the Community Partners Bancorp 2007 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2007 Plan"), subject to shareholder approval. The 2007 Plan, which was approved by the Company's shareholders at the Company's annual meeting on May 15, 2007, provides that the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Committee") may grant to those individuals who are eligible under the terms of the 2007 Plan, stock options, restricted stock, or such other equity incentive awards as the Committee may determine. The number of shares of common stock reserved and available under the 2007 Plan is 795,675 after adjusting for the \(3 \%\) stock dividends declared in 2008 and 2007.

Options awarded under the 2007 Plan may be either options that qualify as incentive stock options ("ISOs") under section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), or options that do not, or cease to, qualify as incentive stock options under the Code ("nonqualified stock options" or "NQSOs"). Awards may be granted under the 2007 Plan to directors and employees.

Shares delivered under the 2007 Plan will be issued out of authorized and unissued shares, or treasury shares, or partly out of each, as determined by the Board. The exercise price per share purchasable under either an ISO or a NQSO may not be less than the fair market value of a share of stock on the date of grant of the option. The Committee will determine the vesting period and term of each option, provided that no ISO may have a term in excess of ten years after the date of grant.

Restricted stock is stock which is subject to certain transfer restrictions and to a risk of forfeiture. The Committee will determine the period over which any restricted stock which is issued under the 2007 Plan will vest, and will impose such restrictions on transferability, risk of forfeiture and other restrictions as the Committee may in its discretion determine. Unless restricted by the Committee, a participant granted restricted stock will have all of the rights of a shareholder, including the right to vote the restricted stock and the right to receive dividends with respect to that stock.

\section*{Note 14 - Stock Option Plans (Continued)}

Unless otherwise provided by the Committee in the award document or subject to other applicable restrictions, in the event of a Change in Control (as defined in the 2007 Plan) all non-forfeited options and awards carrying a right to exercise that was not previously exercisable and vested will become fully exercisable and vested as of the time of the Change in Control, and all restricted stock and awards subject to risk of forfeiture will become fully vested.

Community Partners did not grant any stock options, restricted stock grants or any other share-based compensation awards during the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007.

The following table summarizes information about outstanding options from all plans at and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, as adjusted for the \(3 \%\) stock dividends in 2008 and 2007:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline & Number of Shares & & & Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life & & \begin{tabular}{l}
gate \\
c Value
\end{tabular} \\
\hline Options outstanding, December 31, 2006 & 805,189 & \$ & 9.02 & & & \\
\hline Options exercised & \((16,363)\) & & 4.25 & & & \\
\hline Options outstanding, December 31, 2007 & 788,826 & & 9.13 & & & \\
\hline Options exercised & \((35,388)\) & & 4.58 & & & \\
\hline Options forfeited & \((8,742)\) & & 14.11 & & & \\
\hline Options outstanding, December 31, 2008 & 744,696 & \$ & 9.28 & 3.86 years & \$ & 191,463 \\
\hline Options exercisable, end of year & 744,696 & \$ & 9.28 & 3.86 years & \$ & 191,463 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Options outstanding - price range at end of year Options exercisable - price range at end of year
\$3.35 to \$15.79
\$3.35 to \$15.79

The total intrinsic value of stock options exercised was \(\$ 101,803\) and \(\$ 76,770\) during the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

\section*{Note 14 - Stock Option Plans (Continued)}

The following summarizes information about stock options outstanding at December 31, 2008.
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[b]{2}{*}{Range of Exercise Prices} & \multicolumn{3}{|c|}{Options Outstanding} \\
\hline & Number Outstanding at December 31, 2008 & Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Life & Weighted-Average Exercise Price \\
\hline \$3.35-\$3.63 & 198,605 & 2.5 years & \$3.44 \\
\hline \$4.01-\$4.71 & 36,583 & 4.5 years & 4.38 \\
\hline \$4.72-\$5.58 & 35,557 & 3.5 years & 4.96 \\
\hline \$5.81-\$6.55 & 37,202 & 1.5 years & 5.85 \\
\hline \$6.62-\$8.85 & 23,242 & 2.0 years & 7.03 \\
\hline \$9.06-\$12.45 & 220,185 & 4.0 years & 11.58 \\
\hline \$10.44-\$10.98 & 17,940 & 5.9 years & 10.95 \\
\hline \$15.10-\$15.79 & 175,382 & 5.7 years & 15.75 \\
\hline & 744,696 & & \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

On January 20, 2009, the Compensation Committee of the Company awarded stock options to directors and officers of the Company.
The Committee awarded non-qualified stock option awards to 13 directors totaling 65,000 shares. The options awarded will vest immediately with an exercise price of \$3.75 based upon the average trading price on January 20, 2009.

The Committee awarded incentive stock options to various officers totaling 348,000 shares. The incentive stock options awarded will vest \(20 \%\) per year over five years beginning January 20, 2010. The exercise price of the options is \(\$ 3.75\) based upon the average trading price on January 20, 2009.

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\section*{Note 15 - Transactions with Executive Officers, Directors and Principal Shareholders}

Certain directors and executive officers of Community Partners and its affiliates, including their immediate families and companies in which they are principal owners (more than \(10 \%\) ), are indebted to the Bank. In the opinion of management, such loans are consistent with sound banking practices and are within applicable regulatory bank lending limitations and in compliance with applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Community Partners relies on such directors and executive officers for the identification of their associates. These loans at December 31, 2008 were current as to principal and interest payments, and did not involve more than normal risk of collectibility. At December 31, 2008 and 2007, loans to related parties amounted to \(\$ 8,280,000\) and \(\$ 14,889,000\) respectively. During 2008, new loans and advances to such related parties totaled \(\$ 2,141,000\) and repayments and other reductions aggregated \(\$ 4,558,000\). In addition, \(\$ 4,192,000\) in loans to several borrowers who ceased to be directors during 2008, were excluded from the related party total at December 31, 2008. These loans to former directors were current as to principal and interest payments as of December 31, 2008.

A director of the Bank is the principal of a company that provides leasehold improvement construction services for certain of the Bank's new offices. The Bank paid \$579,000 and \$90,000 for these construction services for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 respectively. Such costs are capitalized to leasehold improvements and are amortized over a ten to fifteen year period. Construction costs incurred are comparable to similarly outfitted bank office space in the market area.

\section*{Note 16 - Financial Instruments with Off-Balance Sheet Risk}

The Company is a party to financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of its customers. These financial instruments include commitments to extend credit and letters of credit. Those instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit risk in excess of the amount recognized in the financial statements.

The Company's exposure to credit loss in the event of non-performance by the other party to the financial instrument for commitments to extend credit and letters of credit is represented by the contractual amount of those instruments. The Company uses the same credit policies in making commitments and conditional obligations as it does for on-balance sheet instruments.

Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the contract. Since many of the commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee. The Company evaluates each customer's credit worthiness on a case-by-case basis. The amount of collateral obtained, if deemed necessary by the Company upon extension of credit, is based on management's credit evaluation. Collateral held varies but may include personal or commercial real estate, accounts receivable, inventory and equipment. The Company had commitments to extend credit, including unused lines of credit of approximately \(\$ 102,569,000\) and \(\$ 94,065,000\) at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Standby letters of credit are conditional commitments issued by the Company to guarantee the financial performance of a customer to a third party. Those guarantees are primarily issued to support contracts entered into by customers. Most guarantees extend for one year. The credit risk involved in issuing letters of credit is essentially the same as that involved in extending loan facilities to customers. The Company defines the fair value of these letters of credit as the fees paid by the customer or similar fees collected on similar instruments. The Company amortizes the fees collected over the life of the instrument. The Company generally obtains collateral, such as real estate or liens on customer assets for these types of commitments. The Company's potential liability would be reduced by any proceeds obtained in liquidation of the collateral held. The Company had standby letters of credit for customers aggregating \(\$ 8,651,000\) and \(\$ 5,304,000\) at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The approximate value of underlying collateral upon liquidation that would be expected to cover this maximum potential exposure was \(\$ 8,254,000\) and \(\$ 4,905,000\) at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The current amounts of the liability related to guarantees under standby letters of credit issued is not material as of December 31, 2008 and 2007.

\section*{Note 17 - Regulatory Matters}

The Bank is required to maintain a cash reserve balance in vault cash or with the Federal Reserve Bank. The total of this reserve balance was \$25,000 at December 31, 2008.

The Company and the Bank are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the federal banking agencies. Failure to meet the minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory and possibly additional discretionary actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, the Company and the Bank must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of their assets, liabilities and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. The capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk-weightings and other factors.

Quantitative measures established by regulations to ensure capital adequacy require the Company and the Bank maintain minimum amounts and ratios (set forth below) of total and Tier l capital (as defined in the regulations) to risk-weighted assets, and of Tier l capital to average assets. Management believes, as of December 31, 2008 that the Company and its bank subsidiary meet all capital adequacy requirements to which they are subject.

\section*{Note 17 - Regulatory Matters (Continued)}

As of December 31, 2008, the Bank met all regulatory requirements for classification as well-capitalized under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. There are no conditions or events that management believes have changed the institutions' categories. Community Partners and the Bank's actual capital amounts and ratios at December 31, 2008 and 2007 and the minimum amounts and ratios required for capital adequacy purposes and to be well capitalized under the prompt corrective action provisions are as follows:

As of December 31, 2008
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{10}{|l|}{Total capital (to risk-weighted assets)} \\
\hline Community Partners Bancorp & \$ & 52,832 & 11.25\% & \$ & >37,569 & \(\geq 8.00 \%\) & \$ & N/A & N/A \\
\hline Two River Community Bank & & 52,038 & 11.05\% & & >37,675 & \(\geq 8.00 \%\) & & >47,093 & \(\geq 10.00 \%\) \\
\hline \multicolumn{10}{|l|}{Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets)} \\
\hline Community Partners Bancorp & & 46,951 & 10.00\% & & >18,780 & \(\geq 4.00 \%\) & & N/A & N/A \\
\hline Two River Community Bank & & 46,140 & 9.80\% & & >18,833 & \(\geq 4.00 \%\) & & >28,249 & \(\geq 6.00 \%\) \\
\hline \multicolumn{10}{|l|}{Tier 1 capital (to average assets)} \\
\hline Community Partners Bancorp & & 46,951 & 8.53\% & & >22,017 & \(\geq 4.00 \%\) & & N/A & N/A \\
\hline Two River Community Bank & & 46,140 & 8.38\% & & >22,024 & \(\geq 4.00 \%\) & & >27,530 & \(\geq 5.00 \%\) \\
\hline \multicolumn{10}{|l|}{As of December 31, 2007} \\
\hline \multicolumn{10}{|l|}{Total capital (to risk-weighted assets)} \\
\hline Community Partners Bancorp & \$ & 50,734 & 11.66\% & \$ & >34,809 & \(\geq 8.00 \%\) & \$ & N/A & N/A \\
\hline Two River Community Bank & & 30,523 & 10.96\% & & >22,280 & \(\geq 8.00 \%\) & & >27,849 & \(\geq 10.00 \%\) \\
\hline The Town Bank & & 19,565 & 12.42\% & & >12,602 & \(\geq 8.00 \%\) & & >15,753 & \(\geq 10.00\) \\
\hline \multicolumn{10}{|l|}{Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets)} \\
\hline Community Partners Bancorp & & 46,059 & 10.59\% & & >17,397 & \(\geq 4.00 \%\) & & N/A & N/A \\
\hline Two River Community Bank & & 27,698 & 9.95\% & & >11,135 & \(\geq 4.00 \%\) & & >16,702 & >6.00\% \\
\hline The Town Bank & & 17,715 & 11.25\% & & >6,299 & \(\geq 4.00 \%\) & & >9,448 & \(\geq 6.00 \%\) \\
\hline \multicolumn{10}{|l|}{Tier 1 capital (to average assets)} \\
\hline Community Partners Bancorp & & 46,059 & 9.15\% & & >20,135 & \(\geq 4.00 \%\) & & N/A & N/A \\
\hline Two River Community Bank & & 27,698 & 8.71\% & & >12,720 & \(\geq 4.00 \%\) & & >15,900 & \(\geq 5.00 \%\) \\
\hline The Town Bank & & 17,715 & 9.48\% & & >7,475 & \(\geq 4.00 \%\) & & >9,343 & \(\geq 5.00 \%\) \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

The Bank is subject to certain legal and regulatory limitations on the amount of dividends that it may declare without prior regulatory approval. Under Federal Reserve regulations, the Bank is limited as to the amount it may lend affiliates, including the Company, unless such loans are collateralized by specific obligations.

\section*{Note 18 - Fair Value of Financial Instruments}

Management uses its best judgment in estimating the fair value of the Company's financial instruments; however, there are inherent weaknesses in any estimation technique. Therefore, for substantially all financial instruments, the fair value estimates herein are not necessarily indicative of the amounts the Company could have realized in a sales transaction on the dates indicated. The estimated fair value amounts have been measured as of their respective year ends, and have not been reevaluated or updated for purposes of these financial statements subsequent to those respective dates. As such, the estimated fair values of these financial instruments subsequent to the respective reporting dates may be different than the amounts reported at each year end.

SFAS 157 establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation methods used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under SFAS 157 are as follows:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Quoted prices in markets that are not active, or inputs that are observable either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3: Prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable (i.e. supported with little or no market activity).

An asset's or liability's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

For financial assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis, the fair value measurements by level within the fair value hierarchy used at December 31, 2008 are as follows:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Description & \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { December 31, } \\
2008 \\
\hline
\end{gathered}
\] & (Level 1) Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets & (Level 2) Significant Other Observable Inputs & (Level 3) Significant Unobservable Inputs \\
\hline \multirow{3}{*}{Securities available for sale} & \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{(in thousands)} \\
\hline & \$ 56,726 & \$ & \$ 56,549 & \$ 177 \\
\hline & F-30 & & & \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

\section*{Note 18 - Fair Value of Financial Instruments (Continued)}

The following table presents a reconciliation of the securities available for sale measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the year ended December 31:
\begin{tabular}{lr}
\begin{tabular}{l} 
(in thousands) \\
Beginning balance, January 1 \\
Total gains/(losses) - (realized/unrealized): \\
Included in earnings \\
Included in other comprehensive income \\
Purchases, issuances and settlements \\
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3 \\
Ending balance December 31, 2008
\end{tabular} & \(\$\) \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

For financial assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis, the fair value measurements by level within the fair value hierarchy used at December 31, 2008 are as follows:


The following information should not be interpreted as an estimate of the fair value of the entire Company since a fair value calculation is only provided for a limited portion of the Company's assets and liabilities. Due to a wide range of valuation techniques and the degree of subjectivity used in making the estimates, comparisons between the Company's disclosures and those of other companies may not be meaningful. The following methods and assumption were used to estimate the fair values of the Company's financial instruments at December 31, 2008 and 2007.

\section*{Cash and Cash Equivalents (carried at cost):}

The carrying amounts reported in the balance sheet for cash and short-term instruments approximate those assets’ fair values.

\section*{Note 18 - Fair Value of Financial Instruments (Continued)}

\section*{Securities:}

The fair value of securities available for sale (carried at fair value) and held to maturity (carried at amortized cost) are determined by obtaining quoted market prices on nationally recognized securities exchanges (Level 1), or matrix pricing (Level 2), which is a mathematical technique used widely in the industry to value debt securities without relying exclusively on quoted market prices for the specific securities but rather by relying on the securities’ relationship to other benchmark quoted prices. For certain securities which are not traded in active markets or are subject to transfer restrictions, valuations are adjusted to reflect illiquidity and/or non-transferability, and such adjustments are generally based on available market evidence (Level 3). In the absence of such evidence, management's best estimate is used. Management's best estimate consists of both internal and external support on certain Level 3 investments. Internal cash flow models using a present value formula that includes assumptions market participants would use along with indicative exit pricing obtained from broker/dealers (where available) were used to support fair values of certain Level 3 investments.

\section*{Restricted Investment in Federal Home Loan Bank Stock and ACBB Stock:}

The carrying amount of restricted investment in Federal Home Loan Bank stock and ACBB stock approximates fair value, and considers the limited marketability of such securities.

\section*{Loans Receivable (carried at cost) :}

The fair values of loans are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, using market rates at the balance sheet date that reflect the credit and interest rate-risk inherent in the loans. Projected future cash flows are calculated based upon contractual maturity or call dates, projected repayments and prepayments of principal. Generally, for variable rate loans that reprice frequently and with no significant change in credit risk, fair values are based on carrying values.

\section*{Impaired Loans (generally carried at fair value):}

Impaired loans are those that are accounted for under FASB Statement No. 114, Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan ("SFAS 114"), in which the Bank has measured impairment generally based on the fair value of the loan's collateral. Fair value is generally determined based upon independent third-party appraisals of the properties, or discounted cash flows based upon the expected proceeds. These assets are included as Level 3 fair values, based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurements. The fair value consists of the loan balances of \(\$ 6,175,000\), net of a valuation allowance of \(\$ 2,257,000\). Additional provisions for loan losses of \(\$ 2,257,000\) were recorded during the period.

\section*{Accrued Interest Receivable and Payable (carried at cost) :}

The carrying amount of accrued interest receivable and accrued interest payable approximates its fair value.

\section*{Deposit Liabilities (carried at cost):}

The fair values disclosed for demand deposits (e.g., interest and noninterest checking, passbook savings and money market accounts) are, by definition, equal to the amount payable on demand at the reporting date, (i.e., their carrying amounts). Fair values for fixed-rate certificates of deposit are estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies interest rates currently being offered in the market on certificates to a schedule of aggregated expected monthly maturities on time deposits.

\section*{Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase (carried at cost):}

The carrying amounts of these short-term borrowings approximate their fair values.

\section*{Note 18 - Fair Value of Financial Instruments (Continued)}

\section*{Long-term Debt (carried at cost):}

Fair values of FHLB advances are estimated using discounted cash flow analysis, based on quoted prices for new FHLB advances with similar credit risk characteristics, terms and remaining maturity. These prices obtained from this active market represent a market value that is deemed to represent the transfer price if the liability were assumed by a third party.

\section*{Off-balance Sheet Financial Instruments (disclosed at cost):}

Fair values for the Company's off-balance sheet financial instruments (lending commitments and letters of credit) are based on fees currently charged in the market to enter into similar agreements, taking into account, the remaining terms of the agreements and the counterparties’ credit standing. The fair values of such fees are not material at December 31, 2008 and 2007.

The estimated fair value of the Company's financial instruments at December 31, 2008 and 2007 were as follows:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[t]{3}{*}{} & \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{2008} & \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{2007} \\
\hline & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{Carrying Amount} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{\[
\begin{gathered}
\hline \text { Estimated } \\
\text { Fair } \\
\text { Value } \\
\hline
\end{gathered}
\]} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{Carrying Amount} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{\[
\begin{gathered}
\hline \text { Estimated } \\
\text { Fair } \\
\text { Value } \\
\hline
\end{gathered}
\]} \\
\hline & \multicolumn{8}{|c|}{(In Thousands)} \\
\hline \multicolumn{9}{|l|}{Financial assets:} \\
\hline Cash and cash equivalents & \$ & 23,017 & \$ & 23,017 & \$ & 10,013 & \$ & 10,013 \\
\hline Securities available for sale & & 56,726 & & 56,726 & & 55,545 & & 55,545 \\
\hline Securities held to maturity & & 7,940 & & 7,074 & & 7,557 & & 7,492 \\
\hline Loans receivable & & 441,965 & & 444,786 & & 412,292 & & 411,312 \\
\hline Accrued interest receivable & & 1,951 & & 1,951 & & 2,291 & & 2,291 \\
\hline \multicolumn{9}{|l|}{Financial liabilities:} \\
\hline Deposits & & 474,839 & & 475,534 & & 426,959 & & 427,191 \\
\hline Securities sold under agreements to repurchase & & 11,377 & & 11,377 & & 15,187 & & 15,187 \\
\hline Long-term debt & & 7,500 & & 7,562 & & 7,500 & & 7,564 \\
\hline Accrued interest payable & & 282 & & 282 & & 531 & & 531 \\
\hline \multicolumn{9}{|l|}{Off-balance sheet financial instruments:} \\
\hline Commitments to extend credit and outstanding letters of credit & & - & & - & & - & & - \\
\hline & & F-33 & & & & & & \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

\section*{Note 19 - Condensed Financial Statements of Parent Company}

Condensed financial information pertaining to the parent company, Community Partners, is as follows:

\section*{Condensed Balance Sheets}
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[t]{3}{*}{} & \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{December 31,} \\
\hline & \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{2008} & \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{2007} \\
\hline & \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{(In Thousands)} \\
\hline \multicolumn{5}{|l|}{Assets} \\
\hline Cash and cash equivalents & \$ & 481 & \$ & 206 \\
\hline Investments in subsidiaries & & 72,501 & & 71,811 \\
\hline Other assets & & 498 & & 504 \\
\hline Total assets & \$ & 73,480 & \$ & 72,521 \\
\hline \multicolumn{5}{|l|}{Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity} \\
\hline Other liabilities & \$ & 168 & \$ & 64 \\
\hline Shareholders' equity & & 73,312 & & 72,457 \\
\hline Total liabilities and Shareholders’ equity & \$ & 73,480 & \$ & 72,521 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

\section*{Condensed Statements of Income}
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[t]{3}{*}{} & \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{December 31,} \\
\hline & \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{2008} & \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{2007} \\
\hline & \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{(In Thousands)} \\
\hline Dividends from Bank subsidiaries & \$ & - & \$ & 1,000 \\
\hline Management fees from subsidiaries & & 1,094 & & 1,066 \\
\hline & & 1,094 & & 2,066 \\
\hline Other operating expenses & & 1,094 & & 1,066 \\
\hline Income before undistributed income of subsidiaries & & - & & 1,000 \\
\hline Equity in undistributed income of subsidiaries & & 798 & & 2,652 \\
\hline Net income & \$ & 798 & \$ & 3,652 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

\section*{Note 19 - Condensed Financial Statements of Parent Company (Continued)}

\section*{Condensed Statements of Cash Flows}
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[t]{3}{*}{} & \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{December 31,} \\
\hline & \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{2008} & \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{2007} \\
\hline & \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{(In Thousands)} \\
\hline \multicolumn{5}{|l|}{Cash flows from operating activities:} \\
\hline Net income & \$ & 798 & \$ & 3,652 \\
\hline \multicolumn{5}{|l|}{Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:} \\
\hline Equity in undistributed net income of subsidiaries & & (798) & & \((2,652)\) \\
\hline Other, net & & 110 & & (57) \\
\hline Net cash provided by operating activities & & 110 & & 943 \\
\hline \multicolumn{5}{|l|}{Cash flows from financing activities:} \\
\hline Proceeds from options exercised & & 165 & & 70 \\
\hline Tax benefit of options exercised & & - & & 23 \\
\hline Repayment of advances from subsidiaries & & - & & (920) \\
\hline Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities & & 165 & & (827) \\
\hline Increase in cash and cash equivalents & & 275 & & 116 \\
\hline Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period & & 206 & & 90 \\
\hline Cash and cash equivalents at end of year & \$ & 481 & \$ & 206 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

\section*{Note 20 - Subsequent Event}

In connection with the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (EESA), the U.S. Treasury Department (Treasury) initiated a Capital Purchase Program (CPP) which allows for qualifying financial institutions to issue preferred stock to the Treasury, subject to certain limitations and terms. The EESA was developed to attract broad participation by strong financial institutions, to stabilize the financial system and increase lending to benefit the national economy and citizens of the U.S.

On January 30, 2009, the Company entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement with the Treasury pursuant to which the Company sold to the Treasury 9,000 shares of Series A, Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock ("Senior Preferred Stock"), no par value per share and a liquidation preference of \(\$ 1,000\) per share, and a warrant ("Warrant") to purchase 288,462 shares of the Company's common stock, no par value per share, for an aggregate purchase price of \$9,000,000 in cash.

The Senior Preferred Stock qualifies as Tier 1 capital and will pay cumulative dividends at a rate of \(5 \%\) per annum for the first five years, and \(9 \%\) per annum thereafter. Dividends are payable quarterly on February \(15^{\text {th }}\), May \(15^{\text {th }}\), August \(15^{\text {th }}\) and November \(15^{\text {th }}\). The Senior Preferred Stock may be redeemed at any time following consultation by the Company's primary bank regulator and Treasury, notwithstanding the terms of the original transaction documents. Under FAQ's issued recently by Treasury, participants in the Capital Purchase Program desiring to repay part of an investment by Treasury must repay a minimum of \(25 \%\) of the issue price of the preferred stock.

\section*{Note 20 - Subsequent Event (Continued)}

Prior to the earlier of the third anniversary date (January 30, 2012) of the issuance of the Senior Preferred stock or the date on which the Senior Preferred Stock have been redeemed in whole or the Treasury has transferred all of the Senior Preferred Stock to third parties which are not affiliates of the Treasury, the Company can not declare or pay any cash dividend on its common stock or redeem, purchase or acquire any shares of the Company's stock without the consent of the Treasury.

The Warrant has a 10-year term and is immediately exercisable upon its issuance, with an exercise price, subject to anti-dilution adjustments, equal to \(\$ 4.68\) per share of common stock. If the Company receives aggregate gross cash proceeds of not less than \(\$ 9,000,000\) from qualified equity offerings on or prior to December 31, 2009, the number of shares of common stock issuable pursuant to exercise of the Warrant will be reduced by one half of the original number of shares underlying the Warrant. In addition, in the event that the Company redeems the Senior Preferred Stock, the Company can repurchase the warrant at "fair value" as defined in the investment agreement with Treasury.

\section*{Note 21 - Summary of Quarterly Results (Unaudited)}

The following summarizes the consolidated results of operations during 2008 and 2007, on a quarterly basis, for Community Partners (in thousands, except per share data):
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} & \multicolumn{8}{|c|}{2008} \\
\hline & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{Fourth Quarter} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{Third Quarter} & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Second Quarter} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{First Quarter} \\
\hline Interest income & \$ & 7,511 & \$ & 7,719 & \$ & 7,561 & \$ & 8,019 \\
\hline Interest expense & & 3,137 & & 2,996 & & 2,692 & & 3,152 \\
\hline Net interest income & & 4,374 & & 4,723 & & 4,869 & & 4,867 \\
\hline Provision for loan losses & & 1,348 & & 279 & & 589 & & 85 \\
\hline Net interest income after provision for loan losses & & 3,026 & & 4,444 & & 4,280 & & 4,782 \\
\hline Non-interest income & & 417 & & 486 & & 385 & & 378 \\
\hline Non-interest expense & & 4,432 & & 4,445 & & 4,249 & & 4,044 \\
\hline Income before income taxes & & (989) & & 485 & & 416 & & 1,116 \\
\hline Income taxes & & (453) & & 156 & & 126 & & 401 \\
\hline Net income & \$ & (536) & \$ & 329 & \$ & 290 & \$ & 715 \\
\hline \multicolumn{9}{|l|}{Net income per share:} \\
\hline Basic & \$ & (0.08) & \$ & 0.05 & \$ & 0.04 & \$ & 0.10 \\
\hline Diluted & \$ & (0.08) & \$ & 0.05 & \$ & 0.04 & \$ & 0.10 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} & \multicolumn{8}{|c|}{2007} \\
\hline & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{Fourth Quarter} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{Third Quarter} & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Second Quarter} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{First Quarter} \\
\hline Interest income & \$ & 8,611 & \$ & 9,143 & \$ & 9,148 & \$ & 8,947 \\
\hline Interest expense & & 3,703 & & 4,040 & & 4,093 & & 4,043 \\
\hline Net interest income & & 4,908 & & 5,103 & & 5,055 & & 4,904 \\
\hline Provision for loan losses & & 51 & & - & & 1 & & 56 \\
\hline Net interest income after provision for loan & & & & & & & & \\
\hline losses & & 4,857 & & 5,103 & & 5,054 & & 4,848 \\
\hline Non-interest income & & 383 & & 377 & & 438 & & 400 \\
\hline Non-interest expense & & 4,192 & & 3,764 & & 3,764 & & 3,809 \\
\hline Income before income taxes & & 1,048 & & 1,716 & & 1,728 & & 1,439 \\
\hline Income taxes & & 380 & & 662 & & 699 & & 538 \\
\hline Net income & \$ & 668 & \$ & 1,054 & \$ & 1,029 & \$ & 901 \\
\hline \multicolumn{9}{|l|}{Net income per share:} \\
\hline Basic & \$ & 0.10 & \$ & 0.15 & \$ & 0.15 & \$ & 0.13 \\
\hline Diluted & \$ & 0.09 & \$ & 0.15 & \$ & 0.15 & \$ & 0.13 \\
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\end{tabular}

During the fourth quarter of 2008, the Company recorded an additional provision for loan losses of \(\$ 1,348,000\) due to deterioration in the loan portfolio as a result of the economic environment.

\section*{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, thereunto duly authorized.

\section*{COMMUNITY PARTNERS BANCORP}

Date: March 31, 2009
By: /s/ CHARLES T. PARTON
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Charles T. Parton
Interim President and Chief Executive Officer
and Chairman of the Board

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline Signature & Capacity & Date \\
\hline /s/ CHARLES T. PARTON & Interim President and Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board & March 31, 2009 \\
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{Charles T. Parton} \\
\hline /s/ JOSEPH F.X. O'SULLIVAN & Vice Chairman of the Board & March 31, 2009 \\
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{Joseph F.X. O'Sullivan} \\
\hline /s/ BARRY B. DAVALL & Director & March 31, 2009 \\
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{Barry B. Davall} \\
\hline /s/ MICHAEL W. KOSTELNIK, JR. & Director & March 31, 2009 \\
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{Michael W. Kostelnik, Jr.} \\
\hline /s/ FRANK J. PATOCK, JR. & Director & March 31, 2009 \\
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{Frank J. Patock, Jr.} \\
\hline /s/ ROBERT E. GREGORY & Director & March 31, 2009 \\
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{Robert E. Gregory} \\
\hline /s/ FREDERICK H. KURTZ & Director & March 31, 2009 \\
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{Frederick H. Kurtz} \\
\hline /s/ JOHN J. PERRI, JR. & Director & March 31, 2009 \\
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{John J. Perri, Jr.} \\
\hline /s/ MICHAEL J. GORMLEY & Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer & March 31, 2009 \\
\hline Michael J. Gormley & \begin{tabular}{l}
and Chief Financial Officer \\
(Principal Financial Officer)
\end{tabular} & \\
\hline /s/ MICHAEL BIS & Controller and Chief Accounting Officer & March 31, 2009 \\
\hline Michael Bis & (Principal Accounting Officer) & \\
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\end{tabular}

\section*{INDEX TO EXHIBITS}

\section*{Exhibit No. Description}

3 (i)(A) * Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant (conformed copy)
3 (1)(B) Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation establishing the terms of the Senior Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 23, 2009)
10.1 Form of Shareholder Agreement, dated as of August 16, 2005, by and between Two River Community Bank and each director of Town Bank, in their capacities as shareholders of The Town Bank (incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to Annex A to the Joint Proxy Statement-Prospectus included in the February S-4/A)
\# Form of Affiliate Agreement by and between the Registrant and certain affiliates of each of Two River Community Bank and of The Town Bank (incorporated by reference to Exhibit B to Annex A to the Joint Proxy Statement-Prospectus included in the February S-4/A)
10.3 \# Form of Change in Control Agreement between Two River Community Bank and each of Barry B. Davall, William D. Moss, Michael J. Gormley, Antha J. Stephens, and Alan B. Turner (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the S-4)

\section*{Exhibit No. Description}
10.4 \# Supplemental Executive Retirement Agreement, dated January 1, 2005, between Two River Community Bank and Barry B. Davall (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the S-4)
10.5 \# Supplemental Executive Retirement Agreement between Two River Community Bank and William D. Moss (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the S-4)
10.6 \# Supplemental Executive Retirement Agreement between Two River Community Bank and Michael J. Gormley (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to the S-4)
\# Supplemental Executive Retirement Agreement between Two River Community Bank and Antha Stephens (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the S-4)
\# Supplemental Executive Retirement Agreement between Two River Community Bank and Alan Turner (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to the S-4)
\# Two River Community Bank 2003 Incentive Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to the S-4)
\# Two River Community Bank 2003 Non-qualified Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to the S-4)
\# Two River Community Bank 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11 to the S-4)
\# Two River Community Bank 2001 Non-qualified Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12 to the S-4)

Services agreement between Two River Community Bank and Phoenix International Ltd., Inc. dated November 18, 1999, and subsequent amendment \#1 dated February 1, 2005 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.24 to the S-4)

Services agreement between Two River Community Bank and Online Resources Corporation/Quotien, dated March 17, 2003 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.25 to the S-4)
\# The Town Bank of Westfield 1999 Employee Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.26 to the S-4)
\# The Town Bank of Westfield 2000 Employee Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.27 to the S-4)
\# The Town Bank of Westfield 2001 Employee Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.28 to the S-4)
\# The Town Bank of Westfield 2002 Employee Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.29 to the S-4)

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10.19 \# The Town Bank of Westfield 1999 Director Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.30 to the S-4)
10.20 \# The Town Bank of Westfield 2000 Director Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.31 to the S-4)
10.21 \# The Town Bank of Westfield 2001 Director Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.32 to the S-4)
10.22 \# Amended and Restated Severance Agreement between The Town Bank and Edwin Wojtaszek, made as of December 4, 2002 (as amended December 20, 2004) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 24, 2006)
10.23 \# Amended and Restated Severance Agreement between The Town Bank and Robert W. Dowens, Sr., made as of December 4, 2002 (as amended December 20, 2004) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 24, 2006)
10.24 \# Fifth Amendment to Severance Agreement between The Town Bank and Edwin Wojtaszek, made as of December 4, 2002 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on September 25, 2006)
10.25 \# Fifth Amendment to Severance Agreement between The Town Bank and Robert W. Dowens, Sr., made as of December 4, 2002 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on September 25, 2006)

Internet Master Services Agreement dated as of June 11, 2003 (including all addenda, schedules and exhibits, as amended from time to time) by and between The Town Bank and Aurum Technology Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.36 to the S-4)
10.27 Information Technology Services Agreement effective as of June 18, 2003 by and between The Town Bank and Aurum Technology Inc. d/b/a Fidelity Integrated Financial Solutions (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.37 to the S-4)
10.28 MAC(R) Network Participation Agreement dated as of September 20, 2000 by and between The Town Bank and Money Access Service Inc. (predecessor in interest to Star Networks Inc.) (including all addenda, schedules and exhibits, as amended from time to time) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.38 to the S-4)
10.29 \# Retention Agreement dated as of December 16, 2005, by and among The Town Bank, Community Partners Bancorp and Nicholas A. Frungillo, Jr. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.44 to the January S-4/A)

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10.30 \# Second Amendment dated December 27, 2005 to Severance Agreement between The Town Bank and Edwin Wojtaszek, made as of December 4, 2002 (as amended December 20, 2004) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.46 to the January S-4/A)
10.31 \# Second Amendment dated December 27, 2005 to Severance Agreement between The Town Bank and Robert W. Dowens, Sr., made as of December 4, 2002 (as amended December 20, 2004) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.47 to the January S-4/A)
\# Second Amendment dated December 27, 2005 to Severance Agreement between The Town Bank and Nicholas A. Frungillo, Jr., made as of December 4, 2002 (as amended December 20, 2004) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.48 to the January S-4/A)
10.33 \# Amendment dated January 4, 2006 to The Town Bank 1999 Employee Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.49 to the January S-4/A)
10.34 \# Amendment dated January 4, 2006 to The Town Bank 2000 Employee Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.50 to the January S-4/A)
10.35 \# Amendment dated January 4, 2006 to The Town Bank 2001 Employee Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.51 to the January S-4/A)
10.36 \# Amendment dated January 4, 2006 to The Town Bank 2002 Employee Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.52 to the January S-4/A)
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10.39 \# Severance Agreement between The Town Bank and Nicholas A. Frungillo, Jr., made as December 4, 2002 (as amended December 20, 2004) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.35 to the S-4)
10.40 \# Community Partners Bancorp 2007 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to the Registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 17, 2007)
10.41 \# Change in Control and Assumption Agreement, made as of June 1, 2007, by and between Community Partners Bancorp, Two River Community Bank and Barry B. Davall (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 10, 2007)
10.42 \# Change in Control and Assumption Agreement, made as of June 1, 2007, by and between Community Partners Bancorp, Two River Community Bank and William D. Moss (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 10, 2007)
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\hline 10.43 & \# Change in Control and Assumption Agreement, made as of June 1, 2007, by and between Community Partners Bancorp, Two River Community Bank and Michael J. Gormley (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 10, 2007) \\
\hline 10.44 & \# Change in Control Agreement, made as of June 1, 2007, by and between Community Partners Bancorp, The Town Bank and Robert W. Dowens, Sr. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 10, 2007) \\
\hline 10.45 & \# Excise Tax Reimbursement Agreement, made as of June 1, 2007, by and between Community Partners Bancorp and Barry B. Davall (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 10, 2007) \\
\hline 10.46 & \# Excise Tax Reimbursement Agreement, made as of June 1, 2007, by and between Community Partners Bancorp and William D. Moss (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 10, 2007) \\
\hline 10.47 & \# Excise Tax Reimbursement Agreement, made as of June 1, 2007, by and between Community Partners Bancorp and Robert Dowens, Sr. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 10, 2007) \\
\hline 10.48 & \# Excise Tax Reimbursement Agreement, made as of June 1, 2007, by and between Community Partners Bancorp and Michael J. Gormley (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 10, 2007) \\
\hline 10.49 & Letter Agreement, dated January 30, 2009, including Securities Purchase Agreement - Standard Terms incorporated by reference therein, between the Registrant and the United States Department of the Treasury, with respect to the issuance and sale of the Senior Preferred Stock and the Warrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 30, 2009) \\
\hline 10.50 & \# Form of Waiver, executed by each of Messrs. Barry B. Davall, Michael J. Gormley, William D. Moss and Robert W. Dowens, Sr. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 30, 2009) \\
\hline 10.51 & \# Form of Senior Executive Officer Agreement, executed by each of Messrs. Barry B. Davall, Michael J. Gormley, William D. Moss and Robert W. Dowens, Sr. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 30, 2009) \\
\hline 21 & Subsidiaries of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 21 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 filed with the SEC on April 2, 2007) \\
\hline 23 & * Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm \\
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31.1 * Certification of Charles T. Parton, Interim President and Chief Executive Officer of the Registrant, pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a)
31.2 * Certification of Michael J. Gormley, Chief Financial Officer of the Registrant, pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a)

32 * Certifications pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, signed by Charles T. Parton, Interim President and Chief Executive Officer of the Registrant, and Michael J. Gormley, Chief Financial Officer of the Registrant

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* Filed herewith.
\# Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.
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