

STERLING BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
November 17, 2006

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, DC 20549**  
**FORM 8-K**  
**CURRENT REPORT**  
**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**  
**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) November 16, 2006**  
**Commission File Number: 1-5273-1**  
**Sterling Bancorp**  
**(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)**

New York

13-2565216

(State of other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

650 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York

10019-6108

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(212) 757- 3300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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On November 16, 2006 the Company announced the declaration of a cash dividend of \$0.19 per common share payable on December 31, 2006 to shareholders of record on December 15, 2006.

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**SIGNATURE**

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

DATE: November 17, 2006

BY: /s/ JOHN W. TIETJEN

JOHN W. TIETJEN  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer