

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 25, 2009

LAPORTE BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Federal
(State or Other Jurisdiction)
of Incorporation)

001-33733
(Commission File No.)

26-1231235
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

710 Indiana Avenue, LaPorte, Indiana
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

46350
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (219) 362-7511

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On September 25, 2009, The LaPorte Savings Bank (“Bank”), subsidiary of LaPorte Bancorp, Inc., entered into a referral agreement with Harbour Trust & Investment Management Company, Michigan City, Indiana (“HTC”) to provide ongoing trust services to the Bank’s client base. After an extensive review by management, it was determined that the best way to service the Bank’s trust customers was to enter into this agreement with HTC rather than continue offering these services through an in-house Trust Division. As of September 25, 2009, the Bank managed \$18.9 million in trust assets. HTC currently serves clients in 36 states and manages more than \$380 million in assets.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

LAPORTE BANCORP, INC.

DATE: September 30, 2009

By: /s/ Michele M. Thompson
Michele M. Thompson
Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer