Waldron John P Form 4 March 30, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Waldron John P

(First)

LIFEWAY FOODS, INC., 6431 W.

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

LIFEWAY FOODS INC [LWAY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

03/28/2018

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title

(Check all applicable)

Chief Financial Officer

below)

Other (specify

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OAKTON STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

MORTON GROVE, IL 60053

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative :	Securi	ities Acq	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code	on(A) or D (D)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, no par value	03/28/2018		Code V A	Amount 6,622 (1)	` /	Price \$ 0	· ·	D	
Common Stock, no par value	03/28/2018		F	575 <u>(2)</u>	D	\$ 6.04	6,047	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. DrNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	- ·				8. Price Derivat Security (Instr. 5
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock option (Right to buy)	\$ 11.1					(3)	01/01/2026	Common Stock	6,000	

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Waldron John P LIFEWAY FOODS, INC. 6431 W. OAKTON STREET MORTON GROVE, IL 60053

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ John 03/30/2018 Waldron

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Represents a time-based restricted stock award pursuant to the Company's 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan. Of such time-based restricted (1) stock, 2,208 shares vested on March 28, 2018; 2,207 will vest on March 16, 2019; and 2,207 will vest on March 16, 2020, contingent on the Reporting Person's continued service on each applicable vesting date.
- No stock was sold. In connection with the vesting of 2,208 shares of stock, the Company withheld a total of 575 shares to satisfy a payroll tax liability incident to such vesting.
- Of such options, 3,000 are vested; 1,000 will vest on January 1, 2019; 1,000 will vest on January 1, 2020; and 1,000 will vest on January **(3)** 1, 2021.

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Reporting Owners 2

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