

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC

Form 8-K

October 20, 2017

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): October 19, 2017

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

<u>Delaware</u>	<u>001-15781</u>	<u>04-3510455</u>
(State or Other Jurisdiction)	(Commission File	(I.R.S. Employer
of Incorporation)	No.)	Identification No.)

<u>24 North Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts</u>	<u>01201</u>
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (413) 443-5601

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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 2.02

Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 19, 2017, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”), the holding company for Berkshire Bank (the “Bank”), announced its financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2017. The news release containing the financial results is included as Exhibit 99.1 and shall not be deemed “filed” for any purpose.

The Company will conduct a conference call/webcast on October 20, 2017 to discuss the financial results for the quarter and provide guidance about expected future results. A telephone replay of the call will be available through Friday, October 27, 2017. The webcast will be available on the Company’s website for an extended period of time.

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Other Events

On October 19, 2017, the Company’s Board of Directors announced the declaration of a cash dividend of \$0.21 per share of Company common stock and \$0.42 per share of Company preferred stock to shareholders of record at the close of business on November 9, 2017 and payable on November 22, 2017.

Item 9.01

Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired. Not applicable.
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.
- (c) Shell Company Transactions. Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 News Release dated October 19, 2017

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.

Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc.

DATE: October 20, 2017 By: /s/ Michael P. Daly
Michael P. Daly

President and Chief Executive Officer