STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL CORP Form 10-Q May 13, 2015	
UNITED STATES	
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE CO	MMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549	
FORM 10-Q	
x QUARTERLY REPOR EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934	T PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
For the quarterly period ended March 31	, 2015
o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUAN	NT TO 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from	_ to
Commission file number 1-33377	
Stewardship Financial Corporation (Exact name of registrant as specified in	its charter)
New Jersey	22-3351447
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
630 Godwin Avenue, Midland Park, NJ (Address of principal executive offices)	
(201) 444-7100 (Registrant's telephone number, includin	g area code)

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

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 whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files) .. Yes x No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer o

Non-accelerated filer o (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Accelerated filer o

Smaller reporting company x

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 number of shares outstanding, net of treasury stock, of the Registrant's Common Stock, no par value, as of May 13, 2015 was 6,084,946.

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PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition

Assets	March 31, 2015 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2014
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Cash and due from banks	\$19,987,000	\$9,849,000
Other interest-earning assets	1,048,000	237,000
Cash and cash equivalents	21,035,000	10,086,000
Securities available for sale	94,553,000	124,918,000
Securities held to maturity; estimated fair value of \$57,190,000 (at		
March 31, 2015) and \$56,233,000 (at December 31, 2014)	55,811,000	55,097,000
FHLB-NY stock, at cost	3,026,000	3,777,000
Mortgage loans held for sale	798,000	_
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses of \$9,600,000 (at March 31, 2015)		
and \$9,602,000 (at December 31, 2014)	480,480,000	467,699,000
Premises and equipment, net	7,053,000	6,577,000
Accrued interest receivable	1,867,000	1,994,000
Other real estate owned, net	320,000	1,308,000
Bank owned life insurance	13,804,000	13,708,000
Other assets	7,070,000	8,387,000
Total assets	\$685,817,000	\$693,551,000
Liabilities and shareholders' equity		
Liabilities		
Deposits:		
Noninterest-bearing	\$141,406,000	\$136,721,000
Interest-bearing	424,916,000	419,755,000
Total deposits	566,322,000	556,476,000
Federal Home Loan Bank of New York advances	50,000,000	66,700,000
Subordinated debentures	7,217,000	7,217,000
Accrued interest payable	306,000	308,000
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	1,860,000	3,881,000
Total liabilities	625,705,000	634,582,000

Commitments and contingencies		_
Shareholders' equity		
Preferred stock, no par value; 2,500,000 shares authorized; 15,000 shares		
issued and outstanding at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014.		
Liquidation preference of \$15,000,000	14,986,000	14,984,000
Common stock, no par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized;		
6,084,874 and 6,034,933 shares issued and outstanding		
at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively	41,397,000	41,125,000
Retained earnings	4,193,000	3,817,000
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net	(464,000)	(957,000)
Total shareholders' equity	60,112,000	58,969,000
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$685,817,000	\$693,551,000

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Stewardship Financial Corporation and Subsidiary

Consolidated Statements of Income

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
Interest income:		
Loans	\$5,446,000	\$5,160,000
Securities held to maturity	212.000	6 7 000
Taxable	213,000	65,000
Non-taxable	130,000	174,000
Securities	262.000	706,000
Taxable	362,000	706,000
Non-taxable	6,000	6,000
FHLB dividends	30,000	26,000
Other interest-earning assets	7,000	8,000
Total interest income	6,194,000	6,145,000
Interest expense:		
Deposits	452,000	476,000
Borrowed money	341,000	363,000
Total interest expense	793,000	839,000
Total interest expense	775,000	037,000
Net interest income before provision for loan losses	5,401,000	5,306,000
Provision for loan losses	(100,000)	
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	5,501,000	5,306,000
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Noninterest income:	470,000	421 000
Fees and service charges	479,000	421,000
Bank owned life insurance	96,000	96,000
Gain on calls and sales of securities	152,000	12 000
Gain on sales of mortgage loans Loss on sale of loans	10,000	12,000
Gain on sale of other real estate owned		(241,000)
Miscellaneous	53,000 128,000	<u> </u>
Total noninterest income	918,000	399,000
Total hommerest meome	910,000	399,000
Noninterest expenses:		
Salaries and employee benefits	2,708,000	2,678,000
Occupancy, net	467,000	555,000
Equipment	156,000	188,000
Data processing	453,000	387,000
Advertising	212,000	130,000
FDIC insurance premium	113,000	211,000
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Charitable contributions	70,000	45,000
Miscellaneous	870,000	900,000
Total noninterest expenses	5,049,000	5,094,000
Income before income tax expense	1,370,000	611,000
Income tax expense	453,000	105,000
Net income	917,000	506,000
Dividends on preferred stock	171,000	171,000
Net income available to common shareholders	\$746,000	\$335,000
Basic and diluted earnings per common share	\$0.12	\$0.06
Weighted average number of basic and diluted common shares outstanding	6,045,683	5,956,887

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Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

(Unaudited)

	Three Month March 31,	s Ended
	2015	2014
Net income	\$917,000	\$506,000
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax: Change in unrealized holding gains on securities		
available for sale arising during the period	463,000	1,039,000
Reclassification adjustment for gains in net income Accretion of unrealized loss on securities reclassified to	(91,000)	
held to maturity	87,000	_
Change in fair value of interest rate swap	34,000	35,000
Total other comprehensive income	493,000	1,074,000
Total comprehensive income	\$1,410,000	\$1,580,000

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Amortization of restricted stock, net

Amortization of issuance costs

Other comprehensive income

Issuance of restricted stock

Net income

Tax benefit from restricted stock vesting

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity

(Unaudited)

	Preferred	Common St	tock	Retained	Accumulate Other Comprehen	
	Stock	Shares	Amount	Earnings	Loss, Net	Total
Balance December 31, 2014 Cash dividends paid on common stock	\$14,984,000 —	6,034,933	\$41,125,000 —	\$3,817,000 (121,000)		\$58,969,000 (121,000
Payment of discount on dividend reinvestment plan			(1,000)	<u> </u>	_	(1,000
Cash dividends declared on preferred stock		_		(171,000)	_	(171,000
Common stock issued under dividend reinvestment plan		2,970	15,000	_	_	15,000
Common stock issued under stock plans		3,059	14,000	_	_	14,000
Issuance of restricted stock	_	50,974	279,000	(279,000)	_	_

Three Months Ended March 31, 2015

Balance -- March 31, 2015 \$14,986,000 6,084,874 \$41,397,000 \$4,193,000 \$(464,000) \$60,112,000

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	Three Months	s Ended Mar	ch 31, 2014			
					Accumulated	
					Other	1
	Preferred	Common St	tock	Retained	Comprehensi	ve
	Stock	Shares	Amount	Earnings	Loss, Net	Total
Balance December 31, 2013	\$14,974,000	5,943,767	\$40,690,000	\$1,905,000	\$(3,790,000)	\$53,779,00
Cash dividends paid on common stock	_		_	(59,000)	, -	(59,000
Payment of discount on dividend						1
reinvestment plan			(1,000)) —		(1,000
Cash dividends declared on preferred stock				(171,000)	<i>,</i> —	(171,000
Common stock issued under dividend						ļ
reinvestment plan		1,638	8,000	_		8,000
Common stock issued under stock plans		3,791	17,000	_		17,000

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Amortization of restricted stock	_	_	_	7,000		7,000
Amortization of issuance costs	3,000	_		(3,000)	<u> </u>	
Net income	_	_		506,000		506,000
Other comprehensive income	_	_			1,074,000	1,074,000
Balance March 31, 2014	\$14,977,000	5,998,857	\$40,963,000	\$1,936,000	\$(2,716,000)	\$55,160,00

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Unaudited)

	Three Months March 31,	Ended
	2015	2014
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$917,000	\$506,000
Adjustments to reconcile net income to		
net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization of premises and equipment	81,000	118,000
Amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts, net	180,000	234,000
Amortization of restricted stock	(6,000)	7,000
Accretion (amortization) of deferred loan fees	10,000	(4,000)
Provision for loan losses	(100,000)	· —
Originations of mortgage loans held for sale	(1,328,000)	(875,000)
Proceeds from sale of mortgage loans	540,000	701,000
Proceeds from sale of loans	_	2,559,000
Gain on sales of mortgage loans	(10,000)	(12,000)
Loss on sale of loans		241,000
Gain on sales and calls of securities	(152,000)	
Gain on sale of other real estate owned	(53,000)	
Deferred income tax benefit	(873,000)	(48,000)
Decrease in accrued interest receivable	127,000	157,000
Decrease in accrued interest payable	(2,000)	(81,000)
Earnings on bank owned life insurance	(96,000)	
Decrease in other assets	906,000	489,000
Decrease in other liabilities	(982,000)	(296,000)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(841,000)	
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of securities available-for-sale	(27,000)	(6,228,000)
Proceeds from maturities and principal repayments on securities available-for-sale	3,163,000	4,432,000
Proceeds from sales and calls on securities available-for-sale	27,845,000	_
Purchase of securities held to maturity	(7,149,000)	
Proceeds from maturities and principal repayments on securities held to maturity	3,429,000	1,259,000
Proceeds from calls on securities held to maturity	3,100,000	_
Sale of FHLB-NY stock	751,000	
Net (increase) decrease in loans	(12,691,000)	9,118,000
Proceeds from sale of other real estate owned	1,041,000	_
Additions to premises and equipment	(557,000)	(330,000)
Net cash provided by investing activities	18,905,000	8,251,000

Cash flows from financing activities:

Net increase in noninterest-bearing deposits	4,685,000	4,122,000
Net increase (decrease) in interest-bearing deposits	5,161,000	(6,297,000)
Net increase in securities sold under agreements to repurchase		301,000
Net decrease in short term borrowings	(16,700,000)	
Cash dividends paid on common stock	(121,000)	(59,000)
Cash dividends paid on preferred stock	(171,000)	(171,000)
Payment of discount on dividend reinvestment plan	(1,000)	(1,000)
Issuance of common stock	29,000	25,000
Tax benefit from restricted stock vesting	3,000	25,000
Net cash used in financing activities	(7,115,000)	(2,055,000)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	10,949,000	9,796,000
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning	10,086,000	17,405,000
Cash and cash equivalents - ending	\$21,035,000	\$27,201,000

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (continued)

(Unaudited)

Three Months Ended

March 31,

2015 2014

Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:

Cash paid during the period for interest
Cash paid during the period for income taxes

\$795,000 \$920,000

\$30,000 \$--

Transfers from loans to other real estate owned

\$-- \$1,364,000

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

March 31, 2014

(Unaudited)

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Certain information and note disclosures normally included in the unaudited consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") have been omitted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). These unaudited consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Stewardship Financial Corporation Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, filed with the SEC on March 27, 2015 (the "2014 Annual Report").

The interim unaudited consolidated financial statements included herein have been prepared in accordance with instructions for Form 10-Q and the rules and regulations of the SEC and, therefore, do not include information or footnotes necessary for a complete presentation of consolidated financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows in conformity with GAAP. However, all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, which in the opinion of management are necessary for a fair presentation of the interim consolidated financial statements, have been included. The results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2015 are not necessarily indicative of the results which may be expected for the entire year.

Principles of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Stewardship Financial Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Atlantic Stewardship Bank (the "Bank"), together referred to as "the Corporation". The Bank includes its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Stewardship Investment Corporation, Stewardship Realty LLC, Atlantic Stewardship Insurance Company, LLC and several other subsidiaries formed to hold title to properties acquired through foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure. The Bank's subsidiaries have an insignificant impact on the Bank's daily operations. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in the consolidated financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements of the Corporation have been prepared in conformity with GAAP. In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions, based on available information, that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and disclosures provided. Actual results could differ significantly from those estimates.

Material estimates

Material estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant changes relate to the determination of the allowance for loan losses and deferred income taxes. Management believes the Corporation's policies with respect to the methodology for the determination of the allowance for loan losses and the evaluation of deferred income taxes involves a higher 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 results of operations. These critical policies and their application are periodically reviewed with the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors.

Adoption of New Accounting Standards

In January 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2014-04, "Receivables – Troubled Debt Restructurings by Creditors (Subtopic 310-40) Reclassification of Residential Real Estate Collateralized Consumer Mortgage Loans upon Foreclosure," This ASU applies to all creditors who obtain physical possession of residential real estate property collateralizing a consumer mortgage loan in satisfaction of a receivable. The amendments in this update clarify when an in substance repossession or foreclosure occurs and requires disclosure of both (1) the amount of foreclosed residential real estate property held by a creditor and (2) the recorded investment in consumer mortgage loans collateralized by residential real estate property that are in the process of foreclosure according to local requirements of the applicable jurisdiction. The amendments in ASU 2014-04 are effective for fiscal years, including interim periods, beginning after December 15, 2014. The adoption of the amendments in this standard did not expected to have a material impact on the Corporation's consolidated financial statements.

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Note 2. Securities – Available-for-Sale and Held to Maturity

The fair value of the available-for-sale securities and the related gross unrealized gains and losses recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income were as follows:

	March 31, 2015				
	Amortized	Gross Unr	ealized	Fair	
	Cost	Gains	Losses	Value	
U.S. government-sponsored agencies	\$24,871,000	\$99,000	\$260,000	\$24,710,000	
Obligations of state and political					
subdivisions	1,418,000	4,000	5,000	1,417,000	
Mortgage-backed securities - residential	51,734,000	471,000	329,000	51,876,000	
Asset-backed securities (a)	9,874,000	60,000	14,000	9,920,000	
Corporate debt	2,999,000	10,000	7,000	3,002,000	
Total debt securities	90,896,000	644,000	615,000	90,925,000	
		044,000			
Other equity investments	3,692,000		64,000	3,628,000	
	\$94,588,000	\$644,000	\$679,000	\$94,553,000	

	December 31, 2014					
	Amortized	Gross Unr	ealized	Fair		
	Cost	Gains	Losses	Value		
U.S. government-sponsored agencies	\$30,701,000	\$94,000	\$521,000	\$30,274,000		
Obligations of state and political						
subdivisions	1,420,000	2,000	22,000	1,400,000		
Mortgage-backed securities - residential	76,894,000	521,000	672,000	76,743,000		
Asset-backed securities (a)	9,874,000	57,000	16,000	9,915,000		
Corporate debt	2,998,000	6,000	7,000	2,997,000		
Total debt securities	121,887,000	680,000	1,238,000	121,329,000		
Other equity investments	3,664,000	_	75,000	3,589,000		
	\$125,551,000	\$680,000	\$1,313,000	\$124,918,000		

(a) Collateralized by student loans

Cash proceeds realized from sales and calls of securities available-for-sale for the three months ended March 31, 2015 were \$27,845,000. There were no cash proceeds realized from sales and calls of securities available-for-sale for the three months ended March 31, 2014. There were gross gains totaling \$213,000 and gross losses totaling \$61,000 realized on sales or calls during the three months ended March 31, 2015. There were no gross gains and no gross losses realized on sales or calls during the three months ended March 31, 2014.

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The following is a summary of the held to maturity securities and related unrecognized gains and losses:

	March 31, 2015				
	Amortized	Gross Unrec	ognized	Fair	
	Cost	Gains	Losses	Value	
U.S. Treasury	\$998,000	\$2,000	\$	\$1,000,000	
U.S. government-sponsored agencies Obligations of state and political	12,460,000	231,000	1,000	12,690,000	
subdivisions	12,727,000	488,000	_	13,215,000	
Mortgage-backed securities - residential	29,626,000	693,000	34,000	30,285,000	
	\$55,811,000	\$1,414,000	\$35,000	\$57,190,000	
	December 31	, 2014			
	Amortized	Gross Unrec	ognized	Fair	
	Cost	Gains	Losses	Value	
U.S. government-sponsored agencies Obligations of state and political	\$11,962,000	\$177,000	\$—	\$12,139,000	
subdivisions	15,636,000	514,000		16,150,000	
Mortgage-backed securities - residential	27,499,000	511,000	66,000	27,944,000	
	\$55,097,000	\$1,202,000	\$66,000	\$56,233,000	

Cash proceeds realized from calls of securities held to maturity for the three months ended March 31, 2015 were \$3,100,000. There were no cash proceeds realized from calls of securities held to maturity for the three months ended March 31, 2014. There were no gross gains and no gross losses realized on calls during the three months ended March 31, 2015 or 2014.

Mortgage-backed securities are a type of asset-backed security secured by a mortgage or collection of mortgages, purchased by government agencies such as the Government National Mortgage Association and government sponsored agencies such as the Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA") and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, which then issue securities that represent claims on the principal and interest payments made by borrowers on the loans in the pool.

Issuers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties. This might cause actual maturities to differ from the contractual maturities.

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The following table presents the amortized cost and fair value of the debt securities portfolio by contractual maturity. As issuers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment premiums, the actual maturities may differ from contractual maturities. Securities not due at a single maturity date, such as mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed securities, are shown separately.

	March 31, 20	15
	Amortized	Fair
	Cost	Value
Available-for-sale		
Within one year	\$499,000	\$501,000
After one year, but within five years	10,684,000	10,657,000
After five years, but within ten years	10,500,000	10,577,000
After ten years	7,605,000	7,394,000
Mortgage-backed securities - residential	51,734,000	51,876,000
Asset-backed securities	9,874,000	9,920,000
Total	\$90,896,000	\$90,925,000
Held to maturity		
Within one year	\$1,412,000	\$1,433,000
After one year, but within five years	12,270,000	12,631,000
After five years, but within ten years	11,564,000	11,863,000
After ten years	939,000	978,000
Mortgage-backed securities - residential	29,626,000	30,285,000
Total	\$55,811,000	\$57,190,000

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The following tables summarize the fair value and unrealized losses of those investment securities which reported an unrealized loss at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, and if the unrealized loss position was continuous for the twelve months prior to March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

Available-for-Sale March 31, 2015	Less than 12 Fair Value	2 Months Unrealized Losses	12 Months o Fair Value	or Longer Unrealized Losses	Total Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
U.S. government- sponsored agencies Obligations of state and political subdivisions Mortgage-backed securities - residential Asset-backed securities Corporate debt Other equity investments Total temporarily impaired securities	\$3,763,000 1,007,000 5,422,000 3,021,000 — \$13,213,000	(5,000 (28,000 (14,000 —		(301,000) (7,000) (64,000)	3,021,000 1,493,000	(5,000) (329,000) (14,000) (7,000) (64,000)
December 31, 2014	Less than 12 Fair Value	Months Unrealized Losses	12 Months or Fair Value	Longer Unrealized Losses	Total Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
U.S. government- sponsored agencies Obligations of state and political subdivisions Mortgage-backed securities - residential Asset-backed securities Corporate debt Other equity investments Total temporarily impaired securities		\$— (22,000) (16,000) — \$ (38,000)	\$23,750,000 992,000 30,445,000 — 1,494,000 3,529,000 \$60,210,000	(22,000 (650,000 — (7,000 (75,000) \$23,750,000) 992,000) 36,430,000 3,022,000) 1,494,000 3,529,000) \$69,217,000	(22,000) (672,000) (16,000) (7,000) (75,000)
Held to Maturity March 31, 2015	Less than 12 Fair Value	Months Unrealized Losses	12 Months or Fair Value	Unrealized 1		nrealized

U.S. government- sponsored agencies	\$997,000	\$ (1,000) \$	S —	\$ —	\$997,000	\$ (1,000)
Mortgage-backed		•					
securities - residential	6,158,000	(34,000)	_		6,158,000	(34,000)
Total temporarily impaired securities	\$7,155,000	\$ (35,000) \$	S —	\$ —	\$7,155,000	\$ (35,000)
December 31, 2014	Less than 12	Months	1	2 Months or	Longer	Total	
	Fair	Unrealized	l F	Fair	Unrealized	Fair	Unrealized
	Value	Losses	V	Value	Losses	Value	Losses
U.S. government-							
sponsored agencies	\$ —	\$ <i>—</i>	\$	S —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Mortgage-backed							
securities - residential Total temporarily	8,788,000	(66,000)			8,788,000	(66,000)
impaired securities	\$8,788,000	\$ (66,000) \$	S —	\$ —	\$8,788,000	\$(66,000)

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Other-Than-Temporary-Impairment

At March 31, 2015, there were eight U.S. government-sponsored agency securities, eighteen mortgage-backed securities, two corporate debt securities, and one other equity investments security in a continuous loss position for 12 months or longer. Management has assessed the securities that were in an unrealized loss position at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 and has determined that any decline in fair value below amortized cost primarily relates to changes in interest rates and market spreads and was temporary.

In making this determination management considered the following factors in estimating the cash flows expected to be collected from the security: the period of time the securities were in an unrealized loss position; the percentage decline in comparison to the securities' amortized cost; any adverse conditions specifically related to the security, an industry or a geographic area; the rating or changes to the rating by a credit rating agency; the financial condition of the issuer and guarantor and any recoveries or additional declines in fair value subsequent to the balance sheet date. Management expects to collect all amounts contractually due and none of the debt securities can be prepaid at less than the par values.

Management does not intend to sell these securities in an unrealized loss position and it is not more likely than not that we will be required to sell these securities before the recovery of their amortized cost bases, which may be at maturity.

Note 3. Loans and Nonperforming Loans

At March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, the loan portfolio consisted of the following:

	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Commercial:		
Secured by real estate	\$48,596,000	\$46,545,000
Other	27,408,000	29,307,000
Commercial real estate	294,245,000	286,063,000
Commercial construction	4,215,000	4,215,000
Residential real estate	81,266,000	77,836,000
Consumer:		
Secured by real estate	27,873,000	27,319,000
Other	696,000	939,000
Small Business Administration - guaranteed portion	5,695,000	5,000,000
Other	93,000	96,000

Total gross loans	490,087,000	477,320,000
Less: Deferred loan fees, net of costs	7,000	19,000
Allowance for loan losses	9,600,000	9,602,000
	9,607,000	9,621,000
Loans, net	\$480,480,000	\$467,699,000

The Corporation has purchased the guaranteed portion of several Small Business Administration (SBA) loans. Due to the guarantee of the principal amount of these SBA loans, no allowance for loan losses is established for these SBA loans.

At March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, loan participations sold by the Corporation to other lending institutions totaled approximately \$12,781,000 and \$12,947,000, respectively. These amounts are not included in the totals presented above.

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Activity in the allowance for loan losses is summarized as follows:

	For the three months ended March 31, 2015					
	Balance,	Provision		Recoveries	Balance,	
	beginning	charged	Loans	of loans	end	
	of period	to operations	charged off	charged off	of period	
	42.5 04.000	4.63 000	Φ (271 000)	Φ 100 000	# 2 702 000	
Commercial	\$3,704,000	\$ 162,000	\$(271,000)	•	\$3,703,000	
Commercial real estate	5,017,000	72,000	_	27,000	5,116,000	
Commercial construction	•	(277,000)		233,000	106,000	
Residential real estate	142,000	4,000	_	_	146,000	
Consumer	189,000	(39,000)		1,000	151,000	
Other loans	2,000	(2,000)				
Unallocated	398,000	(20,000)		_	378,000	
Total	\$9,602,000	\$ (100,000)	\$(271,000)	\$ 369,000	\$9,600,000	
	For the three	e months ended	March 31, 20	14		
	Balance,	Provision		Recoveries	Balance,	
	beginning	charged	Loans	of loans	end	
	of period	to operations	charged off	charged off	of period	
			-	-	_	
Commercial	\$3,373,000	\$ (156,000)	\$(181,000)	\$ 90,000	\$3,126,000	
Commercial real estate	5,665,000	(231,000)	(24,000)	3,000	5,413,000	
Commercial construction	117,000	18,000			135,000	
Residential real estate	460,000	21,000	(8,000)		473,000	
Consuman						
Consumer	288,000	(32,000	(3,000)		253,000	
Other loans	*	()	(3,000)	_	253,000 1,000	
Other loans	3,000	(2,000)	(3,000)	_ _ _	1,000	
	*		(3,000) — — \$(216,000)		•	

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The following table presents the balance in the allowance for loan losses and the recorded investment in loans by portfolio segment and based on the impairment method as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

	March 31, 20							
	Commercial	Commercial Real Estate		Residential Real Estate	Consumer	SBA	Other Loans	Unallo
Allowance for loan losses: Ending allowance balance attributable to loans								
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$166,000	\$677,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Collectively evaluated for impairment Total ending allowance	3,537,000	4,439,000	106,000	146,000	151,000	_	_	378,0
balance	\$3,703,000	\$5,116,000	\$106,000	\$146,000	\$151,000	\$	\$ —	\$378,0
Loans: Loans individually evaluated for impairment	\$5,011,000	\$8,490,000	\$275,000	\$93,000	\$322,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$—
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment Total ending	70,993,000	285,755,000	3,940,000	81,173,000	28,247,000	5,695,000	93,000	_
loan balance	\$76,004,000	\$294,245,000	\$4,215,000	\$81,266,000	\$28,569,000	\$5,695,000	\$93,000	\$—

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	December 31,	•	~				2.1	
	Commercial	Commercial Real Estate	Commercial Construction		Consumer	SBA	Other Loans	Unallo
Allowance for loan losses: Ending allowance balance attributable to loans								
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$223,000	\$697,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$—	\$ —
Collectively evaluated for impairment Total ending	3,481,000	4,320,000	150,000	142,000	189,000	_	2,000	398,0
allowance balance	\$3,704,000	\$5,017,000	\$150,000	\$142,000	\$189,000	\$ —	\$2,000	\$398,0
Loans: Loans individually evaluated for impairment	\$6,042,000	\$8,913,000	\$288,000	\$96,000	\$326,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment	69,810,000	277,150,000	3,927,000	77,740,000	27,932,000	5,000,000	96,000	_
Total ending loan balance	\$75,852,000	\$286,063,000	\$4,215,000	\$77,836,000	\$28,258,000	\$5,000,000	\$96,000	\$—

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The following table presents the recorded investment in nonaccrual loans at the dates indicated:

	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Commercial:		
Secured by real estate	\$1,604,000	\$ 1,923,000
Commercial real estate	778,000	1,284,000
Residential real estate	93,000	96,000
Consumer:		
Secured by real estate	323,000	325,000

Total nonaccrual loans \$2,798,000 \$3,628,000

At March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, there were no loans that were past due 90 days and still accruing.

The following table presents loans individually evaluated for impairment by class of loan at and for the periods indicated:

	At and for the three months ended March 31, 2015				
	Unpaid		Allowance for	Average	Interest
	Principal	Recorded	Loan Losses	Recorded	Income
	Balance	Investment	Allocated	Investment	Recognized
With no related allowance recorded:					
Commercial:					
Secured by real estate	\$4,801,000	\$4,062,000		\$4,450,000	\$ 45,000
Other	63,000	55,000		57,000	1,000
Commercial real estate	4,186,000	2,872,000		3,075,000	29,000
Commercial construction	627,000	275,000		281,000	8,000
Residential real estate	131,000	93,000		94,000	
Consumer:					
Secured by real estate	331,000	322,000		324,000	_
With an allowance recorded:					
Commercial:					
Secured by real estate	381,000	381,000	\$ 160,000	409,000	5,000
Other	516,000	513,000	6,000	612,000	11,000
Commercial real estate	5,628,000	5,618,000	677,000	5,626,000	57,000
	\$16,664,000	\$14,191,000	\$ 843,000	\$14,928,000	\$ 156,000

During the three months ended March 31, 2015, no interest income was recognized on a cash basis.

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	At and for the year ended December 31, 2014				
	Unpaid		Allowance for	Average	Interest
	Principal	Recorded	Loan Losses	Recorded	Income
	Balance	Investment	Allocated	Investment	Recognized
With no related allowance recorded:					
Commercial:					
Secured by real estate	\$5,997,000	\$4,838,000		\$5,443,000	\$ 225,000
Other	66,000	58,000		65,000	3,000
Commercial real estate	4,609,000	3,279,000		6,755,000	155,000
Commercial construction	652,000	288,000		517,000	71,000
Residential real estate	132,000	96,000		526,000	_
Consumer:					
Secured by real estate	333,000	326,000		506,000	_
With an allowance recorded:					
Commercial:					
Secured by real estate	458,000	436,000	\$ 213,000	437,000	16,000
Other	713,000	710,000	10,000	750,000	44,000
Commercial real estate	5,643,000	5,634,000	697,000	3,922,000	233,000
Commercial construction			_	420,000	_
	\$18,603,000	\$15,665,000	\$ 920,000	\$19,341,000	\$ 747,000

During the year ended December 31, 2014, no interest income was recognized on a cash basis.

The following table presents the aging of the recorded investment in past due loans by class of loans as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014. Nonaccrual loans are included in the disclosure by payment status.

	March 31, 2015						
		Greater than			Loans		
	30-59 Days	60-89 Days	90 Days	Total	Not		
	Past Due	Past Due	Past Due	Past Due	Past Due	Total	
Commercial:							
Secured by real estate	\$541,000	\$ —	\$1,292,000	\$1,833,000	\$46,763,000	\$48,596,000	
Other			_		27,408,000	27,408,000	
Commercial real estate	_		623,000	623,000	293,622,000	294,245,000	
Commercial construction	_		_		4,215,000	4,215,000	
Residential real estate	_	_	_	_	81,266,000	81,266,000	
Consumer:							
Secured by real estate	150,000	_	299,000	449,000	27,424,000	27,873,000	
Other	2,000	_	_	2,000	694,000	696,000	
SBA	_				5,695,000	5,695,000	

Other		 _		93,000	93,000
Total	\$693,000 \$	 \$2,214,000	\$2,907,000	\$487,180,000	\$490,087,000

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	December 31, 2014					
			Greater than		Loans	
	30-59 Days	60-89 Days	90 Days	Total	Not	
	Past Due	Past Due	Past Due	Past Due	Past Due	Total
Commercial:						
Secured by real estate	\$546,000	\$ <i>-</i>	\$1,508,000	\$2,054,000	\$44,491,000	\$46,545,000
Other	225,000			225,000	29,082,000	29,307,000
Commercial real estate		330,000	836,000	1,166,000	284,897,000	286,063,000
Commercial construction	_				4,215,000	4,215,000
Residential real estate	_		_		77,836,000	77,836,000
Consumer:						
Secured by real estate	_		249,000	249,000	27,070,000	27,319,000
Other	_	_	_	_	939,000	939,000
SBA	_	_	_	_	5,000,000	5,000,000
Other	_		_		96,000	96,000
Total	\$771,000	\$ 330,000	\$2,593,000	\$3,694,000	\$473,626,000	\$477,320,000

Troubled Debt Restructurings

In order to determine whether a borrower is experiencing financial difficulty necessitating a restructuring, an evaluation is performed of the probability that the borrower will be in payment default on any of its debt in the foreseeable future without the modification. This evaluation is performed under the Corporation's internal underwriting policy. A loan is considered to be in payment default once it is contractually 90 days past due under the modified terms.

At March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Corporation had \$11.8 million and \$12.9 million, respectively, of loans whose terms have been modified in troubled debt restructurings. Of these loans, \$11.4 million and \$12.0 million were performing in accordance with their new terms at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. The remaining troubled debt restructurings are reported as nonaccrual loans. Specific reserves of \$843,000 and \$868,000 have been allocated for the troubled debt restructurings at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. There were no additional funds committed to these borrowers as of March 31, 2015 or December 31, 2014.

There are no troubled debt restructurings for which there was a payment default within twelve months following the modification.

There were no new loans classified as a trouble debt restructuring during the three months ended March 31, 2015 or March 31, 2014.

Credit Quality Indicators

The Corporation categorizes certain loans into risk categories based on relevant information about the ability of the borrowers to service their debt, such as: current financial information, historical payment experience, credit documentation, public information, and current economic trends, among other factors. The Corporation analyzes loans individually by classifying the loans as to credit risk. This analysis includes non-homogeneous loans, such as commercial, commercial real estate and commercial construction loans. This analysis is performed at the time the loan is originated and annually thereafter. The Corporation uses the following definitions for risk ratings.

Special Mention – A Special Mention asset has potential weaknesses that deserve management's close attention, which, if left uncorrected, may result in deterioration of the repayment prospects for the asset or the Bank's credit position at some future date. Special Mention assets are not adversely classified and do not expose the Bank to sufficient risk to warrant adverse classification.

Substandard – Substandard loans are inadequately protected by the current net worth and paying capacity of the borrower or by the collateral pledged, if any. Loans so classified must have a well-defined weakness or weaknesses that jeopardize the repayment and liquidation of the debt. These loans are characterized by the distinct possibility that the Bank will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected.

Doubtful – A Doubtful loan has all of the weaknesses inherent in those classified as Substandard with the added characteristic that the weaknesses make collection or liquidation in full, on the basis of currently known facts, conditions, and values, highly questionable or improbable. The likelihood of loss is extremely high, but because of certain important and reasonably specific factors, an estimated loss is deferred until a more exact status can be determined.

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Loss – A loan classified Loss is considered uncollectible and of such little value that its continuance as an asset is not warranted. This classification does not necessarily mean that an asset has absolutely no recovery or salvage value, but rather it is not practical or desirable to defer writing off a basically worthless asset even though partial recovery may be effected in the future.

Loans not meeting the criteria above that are analyzed individually as part of the above described process are considered to be pass rated loans. As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, and based on the most recent analysis performed at those times, the risk category of loans by class is as follows:

	March 31, 2015				
	Dogg	Special Mantion	Cubatandand	Doubtful	Loss Total
	Pass	Mention	Substandard	Doubliui	Loss Total
Commercial: Secured by real estate	\$44,517,000	\$2,475,000	\$1,604,000	\$ —	\$ — \$48,596,000
Other	26,311,000	347,000	750,000	Ψ —	- 27,408,000
Commercial real estate	283,368,000	5,661,000	5,216,000	_	— 294,245,000
Commercial construction	2,705,000	1,510,000			- 4,215,000
Total	\$356,901,000	\$9,993,000	\$7,570,000	\$ —	\$ \$374,464,000
	December 31, 2014				
		Special			
	Pass	Mention	Substandard	Doubtfu	l Loss Total
Commercial:					
Secured by real estate	\$41,091,000	\$3,531,000	\$1,923,000	\$ —	\$ \$46,545,000
Other	27,903,000	616,000	788,000		— 29,307,000
Commercial real estate	274,788,000	5,521,000	5,754,000	_	- 286,063,000
Commercial construction	2,709,000	1,506,000		_	 4,215,000
Total	\$346,491,000	\$11,174,000	\$8,465,000	\$ —	\$ - \$366,130,000

The Corporation considers the performance of the loan portfolio and its impact on the allowance for loans losses. For residential real estate and consumer loan segments, the Corporation also evaluates credit quality based on payment activity. The following table presents the recorded investment in residential real estate and consumer loans based on payment activity as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

	March 31, 201		
	Current	Past Due and Nonaccrual	Total
Residential real estate	\$81,173,000	\$ 93,000	\$81,266,000

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Consumer:

 Secured by real estate
 26,169,000
 1,704,000
 27,873,000

 Other
 688,000
 8,000
 696,000

 Total
 \$108,030,000
 \$1,805,000
 \$109,835,000

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	December 31, 2014			
		Past Due and		
	Current	Nonaccrual	Total	
Residential real estate	\$77,740,000	\$ 96,000	\$77,836,000	
Consumer:				
Secured by real estate	25,867,000	1,452,000	27,319,000	
Other	930,000	9,000	939,000	
Total	\$104,537,000	\$ 1,557,000	\$106,094,000	

Note 4. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Fair value is the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. There are three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date.

Level 2: Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs that reflect a reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

The fair values of investment securities are determined by quoted market prices, if available (Level 1). For securities where quoted prices are not available, fair values of investment securities are determined by matrix pricing, which is a mathematical technique widely used in the industry to value debt securities without relying exclusively on quoted prices for the specific securities but rather by relying on the securities' relationship to other benchmark quoted securities (Level 2 inputs). As the Corporation is responsible for the determination of fair value, it performs quarterly analyses on the prices received from the pricing service to determine whether the prices are reasonable estimates of fair value. Specifically, the Corporation compares the prices received from the pricing service to a secondary pricing source. The Corporation's internal price verification procedures have not historically resulted in adjustment in the prices obtained from the pricing service.

The interest rate swaps are reported at fair values obtained from brokers who utilize internal models with observable market data inputs to estimate the values of these instruments (Level 2 inputs).

The Corporation measures impairment of collateralized loans and other real estate owned ("OREO") based on the estimated fair value of the collateral less estimated costs to sell the collateral, incorporating assumptions that experienced parties might use in estimating the value of such collateral (Level 3 inputs). At the time a loan or OREO is considered impaired, it is valued at the lower of cost or fair value. Generally, impaired loans carried at fair value have been partially charged-off or receive specific allocations of the allowance for loan losses. OREO is initially recorded at fair value less estimated selling costs. For collateral dependent loans and OREO, fair value is commonly based on real estate appraisals. These appraisals may utilize a single valuation approach or a combination of approaches including comparable sales and the income approach. Adjustments are routinely made in the appraisal process by the independent appraisers to adjust for differences between the comparable sales and income data available. Such adjustments typically result in a Level 3 classification of the inputs for determining fair value. Non-real estate collateral may be valued using an appraisal, the net book value recorded for the collateral on the borrower's financial statements, or aging reports. Collateral is then adjusted or discounted based on management's historical knowledge, changes in market conditions from the time of the valuation, and management's expertise and knowledge of the borrower and borrower's business, resulting in a Level 3 fair value classification. Impaired loans are evaluated on a quarterly basis for additional impairment and adjusted accordingly.

Appraisals are generally obtained to support the fair value of collateral. Appraisals for both collateral-dependent impaired loans and OREO are performed by licensed appraisers whose qualifications and licenses have been reviewed and verified by the Corporation. The Corporation utilizes a third party to order appraisals and, once received, reviews the assumptions and approaches utilized in the appraisal as well as the resulting fair value in comparison with independent data sources such as recent market data or industry-wide statistics.

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Real estate appraisals typically incorporate measures such as recent sales prices for comparable properties. In addition, appraisers may make adjustments to the sales price of the comparable properties as deemed appropriate based on the age, condition or general characteristics of the subject property. Management generally applies a 12% discount to real estate appraised values to cover disposition / selling costs and to reflect the potential price reductions in the market necessary to complete an expedient transaction and to factor in the impact of the perception that a transaction being completed by a bank may result in further price reduction pressure.

Assets and Liabilities Measured on a Recurring Basis

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized below:

		Quoted	easurements Us Significant	easurements Using:			
	Prices in Active Markets		Other	Significant			
	Carrying Value At March 31,	for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Unobs Inputs (Level	ervable 3)		
Assets:	At March 31,	2013					
Available for sale securities U.S. government -							
sponsored agencies Obligations of state and	\$24,710,000	\$	\$24,710,000	\$			
political subdivisions Mortgage-backed	1,417,000	_	1,417,000		_		
securities - residential	51,876,000	_	51,876,000		_		
Asset-backed securities	9,920,000		9,920,000				
Corporate debt	3,002,000		3,002,000				
Other equity investments Total available for	3,628,000	3,568,000	60,000				
sale securities	\$94,553,000	\$3,568,000	\$90,985,000	\$	_		
Liabilities:							
Interest rate swap	\$257,000	\$—	\$257,000	\$			
Assets:	At December	31, 2014					
Available for sale securities U.S. government - sponsored agencies	\$30,274,000	\$	\$30,274,000	\$ —			

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Obligations of state and				
political subdivisions	1,400,000		1,400,000	_
Mortgage-backed				
securities - residential	76,743,000	_	76,743,000	
Asset-backed securities	9,915,000	_	9,915,000	
Corporate debt	2,997,000	_	2,997,000	
Other equity investments	3,589,000	3,529,000	60,000	
Total available for				
sale securities	\$124,918,000	\$3,529,000	\$121,389,000	\$
Liabilities:				
Interest rate swap	\$314,000	\$ —	\$314,000	\$

There were no transfers of assets between Level 1 and Level 2 during the three months ended March 31, 2015 or during the year ended December 31, 2014. There were no changes to the valuation techniques for fair value measurements as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

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Assets and Liabilities Measured on a Non-Recurring Basis

There were no assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis at March 31, 2015. At March 31, 2014, assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis are summarized below:

		Fair Value Measurements Using: Quoted			
		Prices Signif	icant		
		in			
		Active Other Markets		Significant	
		for Obser Identical	vable	Unobservable	
	Carrying	Assets Inputs	3	Inputs	
	Value	(Level 1)	12)	(Level 3)	
	At Decembe	er 31, 2014			
Assets:					
Impaired loans					
Commercial:					
Secured by real estate	\$1,348,000	\$ — \$	_	\$ 1,348,000	
Commercial real estate	205,000	_	_	205,000	
Consumer					
Secured by real estate	49,000	_	_	49,000	
Other Real Estate Owned	1,117,000	_	_	1,117,000	
	\$2,719,000	\$ — \$	_	\$ 2,719,000	

Collateral-dependent impaired loans measured for impairment using the fair value of the collateral had a recorded investment of \$1,690,000, with a valuation allowance of \$88,000, resulting in an increase of the provision for loan losses of \$155,000 for the year ended December 31, 2014.

At December 31, 2014, other real estate owned had a recorded investment of \$1,375,000 with a \$67,000 valuation allowance. No additional valuation allowances were recorded during the three months ended March 31, 2015 or March 31, 2014.

For the Level 3 assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis at December 31, 2014, the significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurements were as follows:

Assets	Fair Value	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Inputs	Range
Impaired loans	\$1,602,000	Comparable real estate sales and / or the income approach.	Adjustments for differences between comparable sales and income data available.	5% - 25%
			Estimated selling costs.	7%
Other real estate owned	\$1,117,000	Comparable real estate sales and / or the income approach.	Adjustments for differences between comparable sales and income data available.	0% - 62%
			Estimated selling costs.	7%

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Fair value estimates for the Corporation's financial instruments are summarized below:

	Carrying Value At March 31,	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	easurements Usi Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Financial assets: Cash and cash equivalents Securities available for sale Securities held to maturity FHLB-NY stock Mortgage loans held for sale Loans, net Accrued interest receivable	\$21,035,000 94,553,000 55,811,000 3,026,000 798,000 480,480,000 1,867,000	\$21,035,000 3,568,000 — N/A — 1,000	\$— 90,985,000 57,190,000 N/A — 459,000	\$— — N/A 798,000 491,123,000 1,407,000
Financial liabilities: Deposits FHLB-NY advances Subordinated debentures Accrued interest payable Interest rate swap	566,322,000 50,000,000 7,217,000 306,000 257,000	430,508,000 — — 1,000 —	136,282,000 50,523,000 — 287,000 257,000	
	Carrying Value At December 3	in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	surements Usin Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	g: Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Financial assets: Cash and cash equivalents Securities available for sale Securities held to maturity FHLB-NY stock Loans, net Accrued interest receivable	\$10,086,000 124,918,000 55,097,000 3,777,000 467,699,000 1,994,000	\$10,086,000 3,345,000 — N/A —	\$— 165,066,000 27,221,000 N/A — 646,000	\$— — N/A 478,451,000 1,348,000

Financial liabilities:

Deposits	556,476,000	424,117,000	132,513,000	
FHLB-NY advances	66,700,000		67,087,000	
Subordinated debentures	7,217,000	_	_	7,203,000
Accrued interest payable	308,000	1,000	288,000	19,000
Interest rate swap	314,000		314,000	

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instrument:

Cash and cash equivalents – The carrying amount approximates fair value and is classified as Level 1.

Securities available-for-sale and held to maturity – The methods for determining fair values were described previously.

Mortgage loans held for sale – Loans in this category have been committed for sale to third party investors at the current carrying amount resulting in a Level 3 classification.

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Loans, net – Fair values are estimated for portfolios of loans with similar financial characteristics. Loans are segregated by type such as residential and commercial mortgages, commercial and other installment loans. The fair value of loans is estimated by discounting cash flows using estimated market discount rates which reflect the credit and interest rate risk inherent in the loans resulting in a Level 3 classification. Fair values estimated in this manner do not fully incorporate an exit-price approach to fair value, but instead are based on a comparison to current market rates for comparable loans.

FHLB-NY stock - It is not practicable to determine the fair value of FHLB-NY stock due to restrictions placed on the transferability of the stock.

Accrued interest receivable – The carrying amount approximates fair value.

Deposits – The fair value of deposits, with no stated maturity, such as noninterest-bearing demand deposits, savings, NOW and money market accounts, is equal to the amount payable on demand resulting in a Level 1 classification. The fair value of certificates of deposit is based on the discounted value of cash flows resulting in a Level 2 classification. The discount rate is estimated using market discount rates which reflect interest rate risk inherent in the certificates of deposit. Fair values estimated in this manner do not fully incorporate an exit-price approach to fair value, but instead are based on a comparison to current market rates for comparable deposits.

FHLB-NY advances – With respect to FHLB-NY borrowings, the fair value is based on the discounted value of cash flows. The discount rate is estimated using market discount rates which reflect the interest rate risk and credit risk inherent in the term borrowings resulting in a Level 2 classification.

Securities sold under agreements to repurchase – The carrying value approximates fair value due to the relatively short time before maturity resulting in a Level 2 classification.

Subordinated debentures – The fair value of the debentures is based on the discounted value of the cash flows. The discount rate is estimated using market rates which reflect the interest rate and credit risk inherent in the debentures resulting in a Level 3 classification.

Accrued interest payable – The carrying amount approximates fair value.

Interest rate swap – The fair value of derivatives, which is included in Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition, are based on valuation models using observable market data as of the measurement date (Level 2).

Commitments to extend credit – The fair value of commitments is estimated using the fees currently charged to enter into similar agreements, taking into account the remaining terms of the agreements and the present credit worthiness of the counter parties. At March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 the fair value of such commitments were not material.

Limitations

The preceding fair value estimates were made at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 based on pertinent market data and relevant information concerning the financial instruments. These estimates do not include any premiums or discounts that could result from an offer to sell at one time the Corporation's entire holdings of a particular financial instrument or category thereof. Since no market exists for a substantial portion of the Corporation's financial instruments, fair value estimates were necessarily based on judgments with respect to future expected loss experience, current economic conditions, risk assessments of various financial instruments, and other factors. Given the subjective nature of these estimates, the uncertainties surrounding them and the matters of significant judgment that must be applied, these fair value estimates cannot be calculated with precision. Modifications in such assumptions could meaningfully alter these estimates.

Since these fair value approximations were made solely for on- and off-balance sheet financial instruments at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, no attempt was made to estimate the value of anticipated future business. Furthermore, certain tax implications related to the realization of unrealized gains and losses could have a substantial impact on these fair value estimates and have not been incorporated into the estimates.

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Note 5. Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing net income available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Common stock equivalents are not included in the calculation. Diluted earnings per share is computed similar to that of basic earnings per share except that the denominator is increased to include the number of additional common shares that would have been outstanding if all potential dilutive common shares were issued.

The following reconciles the income available to common shareholders (numerator) and the weighted average common stock outstanding (denominator) for both basic and diluted earnings per share.

	Three Month March 31,	hs Ended		
	2015	2014		
Net income	\$917,000	\$506,000		
Dividends on preferred stock	171,000	171,000		
Net income available to common stockholders	\$746,000	\$335,000		
Weighted average common shares outstanding - basic Effect of dilutive securities - stock options Weighted average common shares outstanding - diluted	6,045,683 N/A 6,045,683	5,956,887 N/A 5,956,887		
Basic earnings per common share	\$0.12	\$0.06		
Diluted earnings per common share	\$0.12	\$0.06		

There were no stock options to purchase shares of common stock for the three months ended March 31, 2015 or March 31, 2014.

Note 6. Preferred Stock

In connection with the Corporation's participation in the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Small Business Lending Fund program ("SBLF"), a \$30 billion fund established under the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 to encourage small business lending by providing capital to qualified community banks with assets of less than \$10 billion, on September 1, 2011 (the "Series B Preferred Issue Date"), pursuant to a Securities Purchase Agreement between the Corporation and the Secretary of the Treasury, the Treasury purchased 15,000 shares of the Corporation's Senior Non-Cumulative

Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series B (the "Series B Preferred Shares"), having a liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share, for an aggregate purchase price of \$15 million, in cash.

The terms of the Series B Preferred Shares impose restrictions on the Corporation's ability to declare or pay dividends or purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire for consideration, shares of our Common Stock and any class or series of stock of the Corporation the terms of which do not expressly provide that such class or series will rank senior or junior to the Series B Preferred Shares as to dividend rights and/or rights on liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation. Specifically, the terms provide for the payment of a non-cumulative quarterly dividend, payable in arrears, which the Corporation accrues as earned over the period that the Series B Preferred Shares are outstanding. The dividend rate was subject to fluctuation on a quarterly basis during the first ten quarters during which the Series B Preferred Shares were outstanding, based upon changes in the level of Qualified Small Business Lending ("QSBL" as defined in the Securities Purchase Agreement) from 1% to 5% per annum and, since then, for the eleventh dividend period through that portion of the nineteenth dividend period prior to the four and one-half year anniversary of the Series B Preferred Issue Date (i.e., through February 29, 2016) the dividend rate became fixed at 4.56%. In general, the dividend rate decreased as the level of the Bank's OSBL increased. With respect to that portion of the nineteenth dividend period that begins on the four and one-half year anniversary of the Series B Preferred Issue Date (i.e., beginning on March 1, 2016) and all dividend periods thereafter, the dividend rate will be increased and fixed at 9%. Such dividends are not cumulative but the Corporation may only declare and pay dividends on its Common Stock (or any other equity securities junior to the Series B Preferred Shares) if it has declared and paid dividends on the Series B Preferred Shares for the current dividend period and if, after payment of such dividend, the dollar amount of the Corporation's Tier 1 capital would be at least 90% of the Tier 1 capital on the date of entering into the SBLF program, excluding any subsequent net charge-offs and any redemption of the Series B Preferred Shares (the "Tier 1 Dividend Threshold"). The Tier 1 Dividend Threshold is subject to reduction, beginning on the second anniversary of the issuance and ending on the tenth anniversary of the issuance, by 10% for each 1% increase in QSBL over the baseline level.

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In addition, the Series B Preferred Shares are non-voting except in limited circumstances and, in the event that the Corporation has not timely declared and paid dividends on the Series B Preferred Shares for six dividend periods or more, whether or not consecutive, and shares of Series B Preferred Shares with an aggregate liquidation preference of at least \$25 million are still outstanding, the Treasury may designate two additional directors to be elected to the Corporation's Board of Directors. Subject to the approval of the Bank's federal banking regulator, the FRB, the Corporation may redeem the Series B Preferred Shares at any time at the Corporation's option, at a redemption price equal to the liquidation preference per share plus the per share amount of any unpaid dividends for the then-current period through the date of the redemption. The Series B Preferred Shares are currently includable, and are expected to be includable in the future, in Tier 1 capital for regulatory capital.

Note 7. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

The components of comprehensive income (loss), both gross and net of tax, are presented for the periods below:

	Three Month March 31, 20			March 31, 20		
	Gross	Effect	Net	Gross	Tax Effect	Net
Net income	\$1,370,000	\$(453,000)	\$917,000	\$611,000	\$(105,000)	\$506,000
Other comprehensive income (loss): Change in unrealized holding gains (losses) on securities						
available-for-sale	751,000	(288,000)	463,000	1,698,000	(659,000)	1,039,000
Reclassification adjustment for gains in net income Accretion of unrealized loss on securities reclassified to held	(152,000)	61,000	(91,000)	_	_	_
to maturity	139,000	(52,000)	87,000	_	_	_
Change in fair value of interest rate swap	57,000	(23,000)	34,000	58,000	(23,000)	35,000
Total other comprehensive income	795,000	(302,000)	493,000	1,756,000	(682,000)	1,074,000
Total comprehensive income	\$2,165,000	\$(755,000)	\$1,410,000	\$2,367,000	\$(787,000)	\$1,580,000

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The following table presents the after-tax changes in the balances of each component of accumulated other comprehensive income for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2015						
	Components Other Comm	T-4-1					
	Other Comprehensive Income Unrealized Gains Loss on securities Un			Unrealized	Total Accumulated		
	and (Losses) on	reclassified from		Gains and	Other		
	Available-fo (AFS) Securities	to held to mat		(Losses) on Derivatives	Comprehensiv Income (Loss)		
Balance at December 31, 2014 Other comprehensive income before	\$(392,000)	\$ (377,000)	\$(188,000)	\$ (957,000)	
reclassifications Amounts reclassified from other	463,000	87,000		34,000	584,000		
comprehensive income Other comprehensive income, net	(91,000) 372,000				(91,000 493,000)	
Balance at March 31, 2015	\$(20,000)	\$ (290,000)	\$(154,000)	\$ (464,000)	
		hs Ended Marc		014			
	_	orehensive Inco			Total		
	Unrealized Gains	Loss on secu	urities	Unrealized	Accumulated	l	
	and (Losses) on	reclassified	from	Gains and	Other		
		or-Suleilable-fo	r-sale	(Losses) on	Comprehens	ive	
	(AFS) Securities	to held to m	aturity	Derivatives	Income (Los	s)	
Balance at December 31, 2013 Other comprehensive income before	\$(3,455,000) \$	_	\$ (335,000) \$ (3,790,000)	
reclassifications	1,039,000		_	35,000	1,074,000		
Other comprehensive income, net	1,039,000			35,000	1,074,000		
Balance at March 31, 2014	\$(2,416,000) \$		\$ (300,000) \$ (2,716,000)	

The following table presents amounts reclassified from each component of accumulated other comprehensive income on a gross and net of tax basis for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014.

	Three Months E	Ended
Components of Accumulated Other	March 31,	Income Statement
Comprehensive Income (Loss)	2015	2014 Line Item
Unrealized gains on AFS securities before tax	\$ 152,000	\$ — Gains on securities transactions, net
Tax effect	(61,000) —
Total net of tax	91,000	_
Total reclassifications, net of tax	\$ 91,000	\$ —

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Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains certain "forward-looking statements" with respect to Stewardship Financial Corporation (the "Corporation") within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, which forward looking statements may be identified by the use of such words as "expect," "believe", "anticipate," "should," "plan," "estimate," and "potential." Examples of forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, estimates with respect to the financial condition, results of operations and business of the Corporation that are subject to various factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from these estimates. These factors include: changes in general, economic and market conditions, legislative and regulatory conditions, or the development of an interest rate environment that adversely affects the Corporation's interest rate spread or other income anticipated from operations and investments. As used in this Form 10-Q, "we", "us" and "our" refer to the Corporation and its consolidated subsidiary, Atlantic Stewardship Bank, depending on the context.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

"Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," as well as disclosures found elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, are based upon the Corporation's consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The preparation of these financial statements requires the Corporation to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Note 1 to the Corporation's Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2014 included in the Corporation's 2014 Annual Report contains a summary of the Corporation's significant accounting policies. Management believes the Corporation's policy with respect to the methodology for the determination of the allowance for loan losses and the evaluation of deferred income taxes involves a higher 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 results of operations. This critical accounting policy and its application are periodically reviewed with the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors.

Allowance for Loan Losses. The allowance for loan losses is based upon management's evaluation of the adequacy of the allowance, including an assessment of known and inherent risks in the loan 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 collectability 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 uses the best information available, the level of the allowance for loan losses remains an estimate, which is subject to significant judgment and short-term change. Various regulatory agencies, as an integral part of their

examination process, periodically review the Corporation's allowance for loan losses. Such agencies may require the Corporation to make additional provisions for loan losses based upon information available to them at the time of their examination. Furthermore, the majority of the Corporation's loans are secured by real estate in the State of New Jersey. Accordingly, the collectability of a substantial portion of the carrying value of the Corporation's loan portfolio is susceptible to changes in local market conditions and may be adversely affected should real estate values decline or the northern New Jersey area experience adverse economic changes. Future adjustments to the allowance for loan losses may be necessary due to economic, operating, regulatory and other conditions beyond the Corporation's control.

Deferred Income Taxes. The Corporation records income taxes in accordance with ASC 740, "Income Taxes," as amended, using the asset and liability method. Accordingly, deferred tax assets and liabilities: (i) are recognized for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been recognized in the financial statements or tax returns; (ii) are attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases; and (iii) are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply in the years when those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. Where applicable, deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance for any portions determined not likely to be realized. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income tax expense in the period of enactment. The valuation allowance is adjusted, by a charge or credit to income tax expense, as changes in facts and circumstances warrant.

Financial Condition

Total assets decreased slightly to \$685.8 million at March 31, 2015 from \$693.6 million at December 31, 2014. Cash and cash equivalents increased \$10.9 million to \$21.0 million at March 31, 2015 from \$10.1 million at December 31, 2014, reflecting additional liquidity at quarter end. Securities available-for-sale decreased \$30.4 million to \$94.6 million while securities held to maturity increased \$714,000 to \$55.8 million. In order to manage the growth in assets while still assisting in the funding of the loan growth, during the three months ended March 31, 2015, the Corporation identified and sold approximately \$27.8 million of available-for-sale securities with high price volatility. Net loans increased \$12.8 million to \$480.5 million at March 31, 2015 compared to \$467.7 million at December 31, 2014. Loans held for sale totaled \$798,000 at March 31, 2015 compared to no loans held for sale at December 31, 2014. Other real estate owned (OREO) decreased \$1.0 million to \$320,000 at March 31, 2015 compared to \$1.3 million at December 31, 2014 reflecting the sale of several properties.

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Deposits totaled \$566.3 million at March 31, 2015, an increase of \$9.8 million from \$556.5 million at December 31, 2014. The growth in deposits consisted of a \$4.7 million increase in innoninterest-bearing accounts and a \$5.2 million increase in interest-bearing accounts.

FHLB – NY advances were \$50.0 million at March 31, 2015 compared to \$66.7 million at December 31, 2014. The decrease in these borrowings was the result of maturities and the payoff of the borrowings due to the growth in deposits as well as a portion of funds provided from the above mentioned security sale.

Results of Operations

General

The Corporation reported net income of \$917,000, or \$0.12 diluted earnings per common share for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to net income of \$506,000, or \$0.06 diluted earnings per common share for the comparable prior year period.

Net Interest Income

Net interest income, on a tax equivalent basis, for the three months ended March 31, 2015 was \$5.5 million compared to \$5.4 million recorded in the prior year period. The net interest rate spread and net yield on interest-earning assets for the three months ended March 31, 2015 were 3.23% and 3.41%, respectively, compared to 3.26% and 3.44% for the three months ended March 31, 2014. The net interest rate spread and net yield on interest-earning assets for the current year period reflects a decline in loan interest rates and yields on securities as well as a slight decline in the interest rates on deposits and borrowings. The reduced yields on assets primarily reflect lower yields on loans and securities reflective of the historically low market rates in the current environment.

The following table reflects the components of the Corporation's net interest income for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 including: (1) average assets, liabilities and shareholders' equity based on average daily balances, (2) interest income earned on interest-earning assets and interest expense paid on interest-bearing liabilities, (3) average yields earned on interest-earning assets and average rates paid on interest-bearing liabilities, and (4) net yield on interest-earning assets. Nontaxable income from investment securities and loans is presented on a tax-equivalent basis assuming a statutory tax rate of 34% for the periods presented. This was accomplished by adjusting non-taxable income upward to make it equivalent to the level of taxable income required to earn the same amount after taxes.

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Analysis of Net Interest Income (Unaudited)

For the Three Months Ended March 31,

	Interest Ra		Averag	2014	.014		ge
			Rates Earned/ Paid		Interest Income/ Expense	Rates Earned/	
Assets							
Interest-earning assets: Loans (1) (2) Taxable investment securities (1) Tax-exempt investment securities (1) (2) Other interest-earning assets Total interest-earning assets	\$484,040 143,064 15,340 9,043 651,487	\$ 5,456 605 204 7 6,272	4.57 1.72 5.39 0.31 3.90	% \$430,923 175,039 21,423 9,945 637,330	270 8	4.87 1.85 5.13 0.33 3.97	%
Non-interest-earning assets: Allowance for loan losses Other assets Total assets	(10,054) 41,963 \$683,396)		(10,174 42,702 \$669,858)		
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity							
Interest-bearing liabilities:							
Interest-bearing demand deposits	\$208,472	\$ 139	0.27	% \$228,164	\$ 161	0.29	%
Savings deposits	77,604	20	0.10	79,182	21	0.11	
Time deposits	134,242	293	0.89	132,357	294	0.90	
Repurchase agreements				7,510	90	4.86	
FHLB-NY borrowing	54,949	217	1.60	25,567	149	2.36	
Subordinated debenture	7,217	124	6.97	7,217	124	6.97	
Total interest-bearing liabilities	482,484	793	0.67	479,997	839	0.71	
Non-interest-bearing liabilities:	120.001			100 706			
Demand deposits	138,081			132,536			
Other liabilities	3,138			2,521			
Stockholders' equity	59,693			54,804			
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$683,396			\$669,858			
Net interest income (taxable equivalent basis)		5,479			5,406		
Tax equivalent adjustment		(78)			(100))	
Net interest income		\$ 5,401			\$5,306		
Net interest spread (taxable equivalent basis)			3.23	%		3.26	%

Net yield on interest-earning assets (taxable equivalent basis) (3)

3.41 %

3.44 %

- For purpose of these calculations, nonaccruing loans are included in the average balance. Loans and total interest-earning assets are net of unearned income. Securities are included at amortized cost.
- (2) The tax equivalent adjustments are based on a marginal tax rate of 34%.
- (3) Net interest income (taxable equivalent basis) divided by average interest-earning assets.

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For the three months ended March 31, 2015, total interest income, on a tax equivalent basis, was \$6.3 million compared to \$6.2 million for the same prior year period. The slight increase was due to an increase in the average balance of interest-earning assets partially offset by a decrease in yields on interest-earning assets. Average interest-earning assets increased \$14.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the prior year period. The change in average interest-earning assets primarily reflects an increase from the comparable prior year period in average loans offset by a decrease in securities reflective of the sale of available-for-sale securities with high price volatility and use of those proceeds to fund loan growth. Average loans increased \$53.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 while average securities decreased \$38.1 million when compared to the prior year averages. The average rate earned on interest-earning assets was 3.90% for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to an average rate of 3.97% for the three months ended March 31, 2014. The decline in the asset yield reflects the effect of a prolonged low interest rate environment.

Interest paid on deposits and borrowed money decreased \$46,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to the same period for 2014. The decline is due to general decreases in rates paid on deposits and borrowings partially offset by an increase in average interest-bearing liabilities. For the three months ended March 31, 2015, the total cost for interest-bearing liabilities declined to 0.67% representing a 4 basis point decline when compared to the same prior year period. The average balance of total interest-bearing deposits and borrowings increased \$2.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, from the comparable 2014 period.

Provision for Loan Losses

The Corporation maintains an allowance for loan losses at a level considered by management to be adequate to cover the probable losses to be incurred associated with its loan portfolio. The Corporation's 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.

The adequacy of the allowance for loan losses is based upon management's evaluation of the known and inherent risks in the portfolio, consideration of the size and composition of the loan portfolio, actual loan loss experience, the level of delinquencies, detailed analysis of individual loans for which full collectability 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.

The allowance for loan losses contains an unallocated reserve amount to cover inherent losses which may not otherwise have been measured. Due to the complexity in determining the estimated amount of allowance for loan losses, these unallocated reserves reflect management's attempt to ensure that the overall allowance reflects an appropriate level of reserves. During the quarter ended March, 31, 2015, the Corporation decreased its unallocated reserve by \$21,000. Management believes that the unallocated reserves at March 31, 2015 are appropriate and are expected to be impacted as the Corporation demonstrates a sustained level of performance in the loan portfolio.

For the three months ended March 31, 2015, the Corporation recorded a \$100,000 negative loan loss provision compared to no provision for loan losses recorded for the three months ended March 31, 2014. The negative provision for loan losses reflects the improved credit quality of the portfolio, including the reduction in nonperforming loans. In addition, for the three months ended March 31, 2015 the Corporation recorded a net recovery of \$98,000. Nonperforming loans of \$2.8 million at March 31, 2015, or 0.57% of total gross loans, reflected a \$830,000 decrease from \$3.6 million of nonperforming loans, or 1.20% of total gross loans, at December 31, 2014.

The allowance for loan losses was \$9.6 million, or 1.96% of total gross loans, as of March 31, 2015 compared to \$9.6 million or 2.01% of total gross loans as of December 31, 2014. The allowance for loan losses related to the impaired loans decreased from \$920,000 at December 31, 2014 to \$843,000 at March 31, 2015. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, the Corporation charged off \$271,000 of loan balances and recovered \$369,000 in previously charged off loans compared to \$216,000 and \$93,000, respectively, during the same period in 2014.

The Corporation monitors its loan portfolio and intends to continue to provide for loan loss reserves based on its ongoing periodic review of the loan portfolio, charge-off activity and general market conditions. There can be no assurances that the current level of no provision will continue in the future.

See "Asset Quality" section below for a summary of the allowance for loan losses and nonperforming assets.

Noninterest Income

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Noninterest income was \$918,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$399,000 for the prior year period. Noninterest income for the three months ended March 31, 2015 includes a \$152,000 of gains on calls and sales of securities. There were no gains on calls and sales of securities for the prior year three months ended March 31, 2014. Fees and service charges for the three months ended March 31, 2015 reflect a \$58,000 increase over the prior year as a result of changes to the standard amounts assessed on deposit accounts. The three months ended March 31, 2015 includes \$53,000 of gains on sales of other real estate owned compared to no gains in the comparable prior year period. The prior year three months ended March 31, 2014 includes a \$241,000 loss from the sale of nonperforming loans.

Noninterest Expense

Noninterest expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2015 was \$5.0 million, compared to \$5.1 million in the comparable prior year period. Occupancy expense decreased \$88,000 to \$467,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2015, from \$555,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2014, primarily due to the closing of a branch and a remote drive-up location. An increase in data processing expense is reflective of costs associated with the outsourcing and migration of the Corporation's information technology environment/network, including disaster recovery/business continuity planning, to a third party hosted environment. An increase in advertising expense includes costs associated with television and radio marketing.

Income Tax Expense

Income tax expense totaled \$453,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2015, for an effective tax rate of 33.1%. For the three months ended March 31, 2014, income tax expense totaled \$105,000, equating to an effective tax rate of 17.2%. For 2014, tax expense reflects a lower overall projected effective tax rate as a result of our tax exempt income representing a larger percentage of pretax income.

Asset Quality

The Corporation's principal earning asset is its loan portfolio. Inherent in the lending function is the risk of deterioration in the borrowers' ability to repay loans under existing loan agreements. The Corporation manages this risk by maintaining reserves to absorb probable incurred loan losses. In determining the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses, management considers the risks inherent in its loan portfolio and changes in the nature and volume of its loan activities, along with general economic and real estate market conditions. Although management endeavors to establish a reserve sufficient to offset probable incurred losses in the portfolio, changes in economic conditions, regulatory policies and borrowers' performance could require future changes to the allowance.

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Risk elements include nonaccrual loans, past due and restructured loans, potential problem loans, loan concentrations and other real estate owned. The following table shows the composition of nonperforming assets at the end of each of the last four quarters:

	March 31, 2015 (Dollars in	20	December 31 014 ousands)	,	eptember 30 014	,	June 30 2014	,
Nonaccrual loans (1)	\$2,798	\$	3,628	\$	4,434		\$4,875	
Loans past due 90 days or more and accruing (2)			_				_	
Total nonperforming loans	2,798		3,628		4,434		4,875	
Other real estate owned	320		1,308		2,090		1,225	
Total nonperforming assets	\$3,118	\$	4,936	\$	6,524		\$6,100	
Allowance for loan losses	\$9,600	\$	9,602	\$	10,094		\$9,825	
Nonperforming loans to total gross loans	0.57 %)	0.76	%	1.00	%	1.13	%
Nonperforming assets to total assets	0.45 %)	0.71	%	0.97	%	0.91	%
Allowance for loan losses to total gross loans	1.96 %)	2.01	%	2.28	%	2.27	%
Allowance for loan losses to								
nonperforming loans	343.10%)	264.66	%	227.65	%	201.54	1%

⁽¹⁾ Generally represents loans as to which the payment of principal or interest is in arrears for a period of more than 90 days. Interest previously accrued on these loans and not yet paid is reversed and charged against income during the current period. Interest earned thereafter is only included in income to the extent that it is received in cash.

(2) Represents loans as to which payment of principal or interest is contractually past due 90 days or more but which are currently accruing income at the contractually stated rates. A determination is made to continue accruing income on those loans which are sufficiently collateralized and on which management believes all interest and principal owed will be collected.

A loan is generally placed on nonaccrual when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the Corporation will be unable to collect the scheduled payments of principal or interest when due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. The identification of nonaccrual loans reflects careful monitoring of the loan portfolio. The Corporation is focused on resolving nonperforming loans and mitigating future losses in the portfolio. All delinquent loans continue to be reviewed by management.

At March 31, 2015, the nonaccrual loans were comprised of 15 loans, primarily commercial real estate loans, commercial loans and construction loans. While the Corporation maintains strong underwriting requirements, the number and amount of nonaccrual loans is a reflection of the prolonged weakened economic conditions and the corresponding effects it has had on our commercial borrowers and the current real estate environment. Certain loans, including restructured loans, are current, but in accordance with applicable guidance and other weakness concerns, management has continued to keep these loans on nonaccrual status.

During the three months ended March 31, 2015, nonaccrual loans have decreased approximately 23% since December 31, 2014 to \$2.8 million. The decrease reflects payments received, payoffs, charge-offs and loans returned to an accrual status. The ratio of allowance for loan losses to nonperforming loans increased to 343.10% at March 31, 2015 from 264.66% at December 31, 2014. The ratio of allowance for loan losses to nonperforming loans is reflective of a detailed analysis and the probable losses to be incurred that we have identified with these nonperforming loans. This metric reflects the effect of the decrease in nonaccrual loans.

Evaluation of all nonperforming loans includes the updating of appraisals and specific evaluation of such loans to determine estimated cash flows from business and/or collateral. We have assessed these loans for collectability and considered, among other things, the borrower's ability to repay, the value of the underlying collateral, and other market conditions to ensure the allowance for loan losses is adequate to absorb probable losses to be incurred. The majority of our nonperforming loans are secured by real estate collateral. While we have continued to record appropriate charge-offs, the existing underlying collateral coverage for a considerable portion of the nonperforming loans currently supports collection of a significant portion of our remaining principal.

For loans not included in nonperforming loans, at March 31, 2015, the level of loans past due 30-89 days was \$693,000 compared to \$771,000 at December 31, 2014. We will continue to monitor delinquencies for early identification of new problem loans.

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The Corporation maintains an allowance for loan losses at a level considered by management to be adequate to cover the probable losses to be incurred associated with its loan portfolio. The Corporation's 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.

The adequacy of the allowance for loan losses is based upon management's evaluation of the known and inherent risks in the portfolio, consideration to the size and composition of the loan portfolio, actual loan loss experience, the level of delinquencies, detailed analysis of individual loans for which full collectability 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.

In establishing the allowance for loan losses, the Corporation utilizes a two-tier approach by (1) identifying problem loans and allocating specific loss allowances on such loans and (2) establishing a general loan loss allowance on the remainder of its loan portfolio. The Corporation maintains a loan review system that allows for a periodic review of its loan portfolio and the early identification of potential problem loans. Such a system takes into consideration, among other things, delinquency status, size of loans, type of collateral and financial condition of the borrowers.

Allocations of specific loan loss allowances are established for identified loans based on a review of various information including appraisals of underlying collateral. Appraisals are performed by independent licensed appraisers to determine the value of impaired, collateral-dependent loans. Appraisals are periodically updated to ascertain any further decline in value. General loan loss allowances are based upon a combination of factors including, but not limited to, actual loss experience, composition of the loan portfolio, current economic conditions and management's judgment.

For the three months ended March 31, 2015, a negative loan loss provision was recorded in the amount of \$100,000 compared to no provision recorded for the three months ended March 31, 2014. The total allowance for loan losses of 1.96% of total loans was comparable to a ratio of 2.01% at December 31, 2014.

When management expects that some portion or all of a loan balance will not be collected, that amount is charged-off as a loss against the allowance for loan losses. For the three months ended March 31, 2015 a net recovery of \$98,000 was recorded compared to a net charge-off of \$123,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2014. Recorded charge-offs reflect partial writedowns or full charge-offs on nonaccrual loans due to the initial and ongoing evaluations of market values of the underlying real estate collateral in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 310-40. Regardless of our actions of recording partial and full charge-offs on loans, we continue to aggressively pursue collection, including legal action.

While regular monthly payments continue to be made on many of the nonaccrual loans, certain charge-offs result, nevertheless, from the borrowers' inability to provide adequate documentation evidencing their ability to continue to service their debt. Therefore, consideration has been given to any underlying collateral and appropriate charge-offs recorded based, in general, on the deficiency of such collateral. In general, the charge-offs reflect partial writedowns and full charge-offs on nonaccrual loans due to the initial evaluation of market values of the underlying real estate collateral in accordance with ASC 310-40. Management believes the charge-off of these reserves provides a clearer indication of the value of nonaccrual loans.

At March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Corporation had \$11.8 million and \$12.9 million, respectively, of loans the terms of which have been modified in troubled debt restructurings. Of these loans, \$11.4 million and \$12.0 million were performing in accordance with their new terms at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. The remaining troubled debt restructurings are reported as nonaccrual loans. Specific reserves of \$843,000 and \$868,000 have been allocated for the troubled debt restructurings at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Corporation had no additional committed funds to these borrowers.

As of March 31, 2015, there were \$10.8 million of other loans not included in the preceding table where credit conditions of borrowers, including real estate tax delinquencies, caused management to have concerns about the possibility of the borrowers not complying with the present terms and conditions of repayment and which may result in disclosure of such loans as nonperforming loans at a future date. These loans have been considered by management in conjunction with the analysis of the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses.

The Corporation's lending activities are concentrated in loans secured by real estate located in northern New Jersey. Accordingly, the collectability of a substantial portion of the Corporation's loan portfolio is susceptible to changes in real estate market conditions in northern New Jersey.

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Capital Adequacy

The Corporation is subject to capital adequacy guidelines promulgated by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System ("FRB"). The Bank is subject to similar capital adequacy requirements imposed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC"). The FRB has adopted risk-based capital guidelines for bank holding companies. The risk-based capital guidelines are designed to make regulatory capital requirements more sensitive to differences in risk profiles among banks and bank holding companies, to account for off-balance sheet exposure, and to minimize disincentives for holding liquid assets. Under these guidelines, assets and off-balance sheet items are assigned to broad risk categories ,each with appropriate weights. The resulting capital ratios represent capital as a percentage of total risk-weighted assets and off-balance sheet items.

The risk-based guidelines apply on a consolidated basis to bank holding companies with consolidated assets of \$500 million or more. The minimum ratio of total capital to risk-weighted assets (including certain off-balance sheet activities, such as standby letters of credit) is 8%. At least 4% of the total capital is required to be "Tier 1 Capital", consisting of common shareholders' equity and certain preferred stock, less certain items and other intangible assets. The remainder, "Tier 2 Capital," may consist of (a) the allowance for loan losses of up to 1.25% of risk-weighted assets, (b) excess of qualifying preferred stock, (c) hybrid capital instruments, (d) debt, (e) mandatory convertible securities and (f) qualifying subordinated debt. Total capital is the sum of Tier 1 Capital and Tier 2 Capital less reciprocal holdings of other banking organizations' capital instruments, investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and any other deductions as determined by the FRB (determined on a case-by-case basis or as a matter of policy after formal rule-making).

Bank holding company assets are given risk-weights of 0%, 20%, 50%, and 100%. In addition, certain off-balance sheet items are given similar credit conversion factors to convert them to asset equivalent amounts to which an appropriate risk-weight will apply. These computations result in the total risk-weighted assets. Most loans are assigned to the 100% risk category, except for performing first mortgage loans fully secured by residential property which carry a 50% risk-weighting. Most investment securities (including, primarily, general obligation claims of states or other political subdivisions of the United States) are assigned to the 20% category, except for municipal or state revenue bonds, which have a 50% risk-weight, and direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury or obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, which have a 0% risk-weight. In converting off-balance sheet items, direct credit substitutes, including general guarantees and standby letters of credit backing nonfinancial obligations, and undrawn commitments (including commercial credit lines with an initial maturity of more than one year) have a 50% risk-weighting. Short-term commercial letters of credit have a 20% risk-weighting and certain short-term unconditionally cancelable commitments are not risk-weighted.

In addition to the risk-based capital guidelines, the FRB had adopted a minimum Tier 1 Capital (leverage) ratio under which a bank holding company must maintain a minimum level of Tier 1 Capital to average total consolidated assets of at least 3% in the case of a bank holding company that has the highest regulatory examination rating and is not contemplating significant growth or expansion. All other bank holding companies are expected to maintain a leverage ratio of at least 100 to 200 basis points above the stated minimum.

In December 2010 and January 2011, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (the "Basel Committee") published the final texts of reforms on capital and liquidity generally referred to as "Basel III." The Basel Committee is a committee of central banks and bank supervisors/regulators from the major industrialized countries that develops broad policy guidelines for use by each country's supervisors in determining the supervisory policies and regulations to which they apply. In July 2013, the FRB, the FDIC and the other federal bank regulatory agencies adopted final rules (the "Basel Rules") which implement certain provisions of Basel III and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act revising the leverage and risk-based capital requirements and the methods for calculating risk-weighted assets. The Basel Rules apply to all depository institutions, top-tier bank holding companies with total consolidated assets of \$500 million or more and top-tier savings and loan holding companies. Among other things, the Basel Rules establish a new common equity Tier 1 Capital ("CET1") to risk-weighted assets ratio of 4.5%, raise the minimum Tier 1 Capital to risk-based assets requirement (the "Tier 1 Capital Ratio"), i.e. CET1 plus additional Tier 1 Capital, from 4% to 6% of risk-weighted assets and establish the total capital ratio (the "Total Capital Ratio"), i.e. Tier 1 Capital plus Tier 2 Capital at 8%. The Basel Rules also require unrealized gains and losses on certain available-for-sale securities holdings to be included for purposes of calculating regulatory capital unless a one-time opt-out is exercised. Additional constraints will also be imposed on the inclusion in regulatory capital of mortgage-servicing assets and defined tax assets. The Basel Rules limit a banking organization's capital distributions and certain discretionary bonus payments if the banking organization does not hold a "capital conservation buffer" consisting of 2.5% of common equity Tier 1 Capital to risk-weighted assets in addition to the amount necessary to meet its minimum risk-based capital requirements. The purpose of the capital conservation buffer is to ensure that banking organizations conserve capital when it is needed most, allowing them to weather periods of economic stress. Banking institutions with a CET1, Tier 1 Capital Ratio and Total Capital Ratio above the minimum capital ratios but below the minimum capital ratios plus the capital conservation buffer will face constraints on their ability to pay dividends, repurchase equity and pay discretionary bonuses to executive officers based on the amount of the shortfall. The Basel Rules became effective for the Corporation on January 1, 2015. The capital conservation buffer requirement will be phased in beginning January 1, 2016 and ending January 1, 2019, when the full capital conservation buffer requirement will be effective.

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As of March 31, 2015, the Corporation and the Bank exceeded all regulatory capital requirements as follows:

	Actual	Required f Capital Adequacy Purposes	To Be Well Capitalized or Under Prompt Corrective Action Regulations
Tier 1 Leverage ratio			
Corporation	9.83 %	5.00 %	N/A
Bank	9.54 %	5.00 %	5.00 %
Risk-based capital Common Equity Tier 1			
Corporation	8.93 %	4.50 %	N/A
Bank	12.80%	4.50 %	6.50 %
Tier 1			
Corporation	13.20%	6.00 %	N/A
Bank	12.80%	6.00 %	8.00 %
Total			
Corporation	14.46%	8.00 %	N/A
Bank	14.06%	8.00 %	5 10.00 %

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Corporation's primary sources of funds are deposits, amortization and prepayments of loans and mortgage-backed securities, maturities of investment securities and funds provided from operations. While scheduled loan and mortgage-backed securities amortization and maturities of investment securities are a relatively predictable source of funds, deposit flow and prepayments on loans and mortgage-backed securities are greatly influenced by market interest rates, economic conditions and competition. The Corporation's liquidity, represented by cash and cash equivalents, is a product of its operating, investing and financing activities.

The primary source of cash from operating activities is net income. Liquidity management is both a daily and long-term function of business management. Excess liquidity is generally invested in interest-earning cash accounts or short-term investments, such as federal funds sold.

Cash and cash equivalents increased \$10.9 million during the first three months of 2015. Net investing activities provided \$18.9 million while operating and financing activities used \$841,000 and \$7.1 million, respectively.

We anticipate that the Corporation will have sufficient funds available to meet its current contractual commitments. Should we need temporary funding, the Corporation has the ability to borrow overnight with the Federal Home Loan Bank-NY ("FHLB-NY"). The overall borrowing capacity is contingent on available collateral to secure borrowings and the ability to purchase additional activity-based capital stock of the FHLB-NY. The Corporation may also borrow from the Discount Window of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York based on the market value of collateral pledged. In addition, the Corporation has available overnight variable repricing lines of credit with other correspondent banks totaling \$35 million on an unsecured basis.

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With respect to the payment of dividends on common stock, the Corporation has historically paid a quarterly cash dividend; however, management recognizes that the payment of future dividends could be impacted by losses or reduced earnings and the Corporation cannot assure the payment of future dividends. In addition, due to its participation in the United States Treasury's Small Business Lending Fund (the "SBLF") program, pursuant to which the Corporation issued 15,000 shares of Senior Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series B (the "Series B Preferred Shares") to the Treasury for a purchase price of \$15.0 million in cash, the Corporation may only declare and pay dividends on its common stock (or any other equity security junior to the Series B Preferred Stock) if it has declared and paid dividends on the Series B Preferred Shares for the current dividend period and, if after payment of such dividend, the dollar amount of the Corporation's Tier 1 Capital would be at least 90% of the Tier 1 Capital at the date of entering into the SBLF program excluding any subsequent charge-offs and any redemption of the Series B Preferred Shares. On April 21, 2015, the Corporation announced that its Board of Directors had declared a \$0.02 per share cash dividend payable on its common stock to shareholders of record as of May 1, 2015. The dividend is to be paid on May 15, 2015.

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ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Not applicable to smaller reporting companies.

ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of internal controls and procedures

Based on their evaluation as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that our internal disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act")) are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.

Changes in Internal Controls over Financial Reporting

Pursuant to Rule 13a-15(d) under the Exchange Act, our management, with the participation of our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, has evaluated our internal controls over financial reporting and based upon such evaluation concluded that there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the quarter ended March 31, 2015 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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Item 6. Exhibits

See Exhibit Index following this report.

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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.

Stewardship Financial Corporation

Date: May 13, 2015 By:/s/ Paul Van Ostenbridge

Paul Van Ostenbridge

President and Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: May 13, 2015 By:/s/ Claire M. Chadwick

Claire M. Chadwick

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

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Exhibit

Number Description of Exhibits

- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

 The following material from Stewardship Financial Corporation's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the
- quarter ended March 31, 2014, formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i)
 Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition, (ii) Consolidated Statements of Income, (iii) Consolidated
- Statements of Comprehensive Income, (iv) Consolidated Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity, (v)
 Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows and (vi) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, tagged as blocks of text^[1]

¹ This exhibit shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, whether made before or after the date hereof and irrespective of any general incorporation language in any filing, except to the extent the Corporation specifically incorporates it by reference.