

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC

Form 8-K

April 25, 2017

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT**

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 24, 2017

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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

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

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

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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

“                      Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

“                      Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

“ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

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

Emerging growth company “

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

**Item 2.02**

**Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On April 24, 2017, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”), the holding company for Berkshire Bank (the “Bank”), announced its financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2017. The news release containing the financial results is included as Exhibit 99.1 and shall not be deemed “filed” for any purpose.

The Company will conduct a conference call/webcast on April 25, 2017 to discuss the financial results for the quarter. A telephone replay of the call will be available through Tuesday, May 2, 2017. The webcast will be available on the Company’s website for an extended period of time.

**Item 8.01**

**Other Events**

On April 24, 2017, the Company’s Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.21 per share to shareholders of record at the close of business on May 11, 2017 and payable on May 25, 2017.

**Item 9.01**

**Financial Statements and Exhibits**

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

**Exhibit No. Description**

99.1 News Release dated April 24, 2017

SIGNATURES

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

**Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc.**

DATE: April 25, 2017 By: /s/ Michael P. Daly  
Michael P. Daly

President and Chief Executive Officer