Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.

Form 8-K

January 26, 2017

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): January 25, 2017

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Connecticut 001-36448 20-8251355

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

220 Elm Street

New Canaan, Connecticut 06840

(Address and Telephone Number)

N/A

(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:

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 25, 2017, Bankwell Financial Group, Inc., the holding company for Bankwell Bank, issued a Press Release describing its results of operations for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2016.

A copy of the Press Release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this current Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated January 25, 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.

BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. Registrant

January 26, 2017 By: /s/ Penko K. Ivanov

Penko K. Ivanov Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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99.1 Press Release dated January 25, 2017