

Hass Douglas
Form 4
March 30, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Hass Douglas

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O LIFEWAY FOODS, INC., 6431
W. OAKTON STREET

(Street)

MORTON GROVE, IL 60053

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
LIFEWAY FOODS INC [LWAY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

03/28/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, no par value	03/28/2018		A	6,622 (1)	A \$ 0 7,859	D	
Common Stock, no par value	03/28/2018		F	834 (2)	D \$ 6.04 7,025	D	

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock option (Right to buy)	\$ 9.57					(3)	07/01/2026	Common Stock	150

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Hass Douglas C/O LIFEWAY FOODS, INC. 6431 W. OAKTON STREET MORTON GROVE, IL 60053	General Counsel

Signatures

/s/ Douglas A.
Hass 03/30/2018

**Signature of
Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- Represents a time-based restricted stock award pursuant to the Company's 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan. Of such time-based restricted
- (1) stock, 2,208 shares vested on March 28, 2018; 2,207 will vest on March 14, 2019; and 2,207 will vest on March 14, 2020, contingent on the Reporting Person's continued service on each applicable vesting date.
 - (2) No stock was sold. In connection with the vesting of 2,208 shares of stock, the Company withheld a total of 834 shares to satisfy a payroll tax liability incident to such vesting.
 - (3) Of such options, 50 are vested; 50 will vest on July 1, 2018; and 50 will vest on July 1, 2019.

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