

STERLING BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
June 09, 2004

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, DC 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)**

**June 8, 2004**

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**Commission File Number:**

**1-5273-1**

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**Sterling Bancorp**

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**(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)**

**New York**

**13-2565216**

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**(State of other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)**

**(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)**

**650 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York**

**10019-6108**

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**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**(Zip Code)**

**(212) 757- 3300**

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**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**N/A**

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

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On June 8, 2004, the Company issued a press release announcing the appointment of Anthony E. Burke to the Board of Directors of both Sterling Bancorp and Sterling National Bank. The press release is included herein as Exhibit 99.1.

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**SIGNATURE**

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.

DATE: June 9, 2004

BY: /s/ JOHN W. TIETJEN

JOHN W. TIETJEN  
Executive Vice President, Treasurer  
and Chief Financial Officer

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99.1 Press Release dated June 8, 2004