

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): February 24, 2012

**NorthWest Indiana Bancorp**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Indiana**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**000-26128**  
(Commission File Number)

**35-1927981**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**9204 Columbia Avenue**  
**Munster, Indiana 46321**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**(219) 836-4400**  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- £ 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))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On February 24, 2012, NorthWest Indiana Bancorp (the "Bancorp") issued a press release announcing that the Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$.15 per share on the Bancorp's common stock payable on April 6, 2012 to shareholders of record on March 30, 2012. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Dividend Press Release dated February 24, 2012.

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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: February 24, 2012

NORTHWEST INDIANA BANCORP

By: /s/ David A. Bochnowski

Name: David A. Bochnowski

Title: Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer

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Dividend Press Release dated February 24, 2012

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**For Immediate Release**  
**February 24, 2012**

**For Further Information**  
**Contact David A. Bochnowski at 219-853-7575**

**NorthWest Indiana Bancorp Declares First Quarter Dividend**

Munster, Indiana---The NorthWest Indiana Bancorp, the parent company for Peoples Bank, today announced that the Board of Directors of the Bancorp declared a dividend of \$0.15 per share payable on April 6, 2012 with a record date of March 30, 2012.

The NorthWest Indiana Bancorp's common stock is traded on the OTC Bulletin Board under NWIN. The Bancorp's subsidiary, Peoples Bank, has offices in Crown Point, Dyer, East Chicago, Gary, Hammond, Hobart, Merrillville, Munster, St. John, Schererville and Valparaiso, Indiana. The Bank's website, [ibankpeoples.com](http://ibankpeoples.com), provides information on the Bank's products, services and investor relations.

"Forward-looking statements" as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 may be included in this release. A variety of factors could cause the Bancorp's actual results to differ from those expected at the time of this release. These include, but are not limited to, changes in economic conditions in the Bancorp's market area, changes in policies by regulatory agencies, fluctuation in interest rates, demand for loans in the Bancorp's market area, economic conditions resulting from the current turmoil in the financial services industry, including depressed demand in the housing market, competition and other risks set forth in the Bancorp's reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011. Readers are urged to carefully review and consider the various disclosures made by the Bancorp in its periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and the Bancorp undertakes no obligation to update them in light of new information or future events.

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