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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Leetz Tanya A.</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 9204 COLUMBIA AVENUE  (Street) MUNSTER IN 46321  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Finward Bancorp [ FNWD ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) X <b>Executive Vice President</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2022	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common	02/01/2022		D		142	D	\$48.09	6,836 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common	02/04/2022		D		189	D	\$49.01	7,025 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common	02/11/2022		A		870	A	\$47.96	7,895 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common	03/02/2022		D		160.163	D	\$49.99	7,735	D	
Common								8,121 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By Profit Sharing

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Payment of exercise price or tax liability by delivering or withholding securities incident to receipt, exercise or vesting of a security issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3.
2. These shares were acquired by the person pursuant to Finward Bancorp 2015 Stock Option and Incentive Plan which meets the requirements of 17CFR240.16b-3, and will vest in three years after issue (02/11/2025)
3. Includes 83 shares acquired through purchases by the Dividend Reinvestment Plan

/s/ Joshua Van Kleek, POA 12/23/2022  
 \*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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