

LIFEWAY FOODS INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SMOLYANSKY EDWARD

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(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)

08/17/2016

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)
COO, Treasurer & Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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				(A) or (D)	261,515	D	
Common stock, no par value				(A) or (D)	500,000	I	See Footnote (1)

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

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(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)
Performance Shares	\$ 0	08/17/2016		A	9,407	(2) 08/17/2017	Common Stock 9,407

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMOLYANSKY EDWARD C/O LIFEWAY FOODS, INC. 6431 W. OAKTON ST. MORTON GROVE, IL 60053			COO, Treasurer & Secretary	

Signatures

/s/ Edward Smolyansky 08/19/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) The reporting person is the beneficial owner of 50% of Smolyansky Holding LLC and disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.
- (2) The performance-based shares vest one year from the vesting commencement date of August 17, 2016, subject to the individual continuing to provide services to the company through the vesting date.

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