

BANTLE ROBERT B
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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 *
BANTLE ROBERT B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORP
 [TMP]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION, P.O. BOX 460
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/07/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Exec. Vice President

ITHACA, NY 14851

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
Common Stock	11/07/2012		M	V Amount (D) Price 6,203 A \$ 35.77	11,675	D	
Common Stock	11/07/2012		F	V Amount (D) Price 5,740 (1) D \$ 40.15	5,935	D	
Common Stock					3,623 (2)	I	by 401(k)/ISOP
Common Stock					1,660 (2)	I	by ESOP

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 35.7636	11/07/2012		M	6,203	<u>(3)</u> 05/03/2014	Common Stock	6,203

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BANTLE ROBERT B TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION P.O. BOX 460 ITHACA, NY 14851			Exec. Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ Robert B.
Bantle

11/08/2012

**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) Shares withheld for option cost.
- (2) Reflects all 401K/ISOP/ESOP allocations and dispositions since the filing of the reporting person's last ownership report.
- (3) The stock option becomes exercisable in four installments commencing two years after the grant date.

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