PEOPLES BANCORP INC Form 8-K November 16, 2018

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): November 16, 2018 (November 15, 2018)

PEOPLES BANCORP INC. (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio0-1677231-0987416(State or other jurisdiction(Commission File(I.R.S. Employerof incorporation)Number)Identification Number)138 Putnam Street, PO Box 73845750-0738Marietta, Ohio45750-0738(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)Registrant's telephone number, including area code:(740) 373-3155Not applicable(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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

x Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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oPre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

oPre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

Resignation of Terry T. Sweet from Board of Directors

On November 15, 2018, Terry T. Sweet informed the Board of Directors of Peoples Bancorp Inc. ("Peoples") of his decision for health reasons to resign from the Board of Directors of Peoples and the Board of Directors of Peoples' banking subsidiary, Peoples Bank, effective November 15, 2018. A copy of Mr. Sweet's resignation letter to Peoples' Chairman of the Board is included as Exhibit 17 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits
a) - c)
Not applicable.
d) Exhibits
See Index to Exhibits below.

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit
NumberDescription17Resignation letter from Terry Sweet received by Peoples' Chairman of the Board on November 15,
2018.

SIGNATURES

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.

PEOPLES BANCORP INC.

Date: November 16, 2018 By:/s/CHARLES W. SULERZYSKI Charles W. Sulerzyski

President and Chief Executive Officer