

SMOLYANSKY JULIE

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 JULIE

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O LIFEWAY FOODS, INC., 6431 OAKTON STREET

(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)
12/13/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

President and CEO

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

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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	12/13/2017		S	2,000	D \$ 8.59	497,262	D
Common Stock, no par value						16,920	I See note ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock, no par value						2,886	I See note ⁽²⁾
Common Stock, no par value						500,000	I See note ⁽³⁾

par value

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMOLYANSKY JULIE C/O LIFEWAY FOODS, INC. 6431 OAKTON STREET MORTON GROVE, IL 60053	X		President and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Julie Smolyansky
12/14/2017

**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) Held for the benefit of minor children.
- (2) Held by the Reporting Person's spouse.
- (3) 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.

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