

MIDDLESEX WATER CO  
Form 8-K  
January 25, 2012

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: January 25, 2012

**MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW JERSEY                      0-422                      22-1114430  
(State or other jurisdiction of   (Commission (I.R.S. Employer  
incorporation or organization) File Number) Identification No.)

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1500 RONSON ROAD, P.O. BOX 1500, ISELIN, NEW JERSEY 08830

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(732)-634-1500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

At its January 24, 2012 meeting, the Board of Directors of Middlesex Water Company (the "Company") declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.1850 per common share payable on March 1, 2012 for shareholders of record as of February 15, 2012. A copy of the press release announcing the dividend declaration is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated into this Form 8-K by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit

Number Description of Document

99.1 Press Release issued by Middlesex Water Company, dated January 25, 2012.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf of the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY  
(Registrant)

s/Kenneth J. Quinn  
Kenneth J. Quinn  
Vice President, General Counsel,  
Secretary and Treasurer

Dated: January 25, 2012