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## Section 1: 8-K (8-K)

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### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## FORM 8-K

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CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED): JANUARY 17, 2018

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## Stewardship Financial Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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New Jersey  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

1-33377  
(Commission File Number)

22-3351447  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

630 Godwin Avenue  
Midland Park, NJ  
(Address of principal executive offices)

07432  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (201) 444-7100

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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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:

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

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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

Pre-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 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.

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**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On January 17, 2018, Stewardship Financial Corporation issued a press release announcing a \$0.03 per share cash dividend to common stockholders of record on February 1, 2018, payable February 15, 2018. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) The following exhibit is furnished pursuant to Item 8.01.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
<a href="#">Exhibit 99.1</a>	Press Release dated January 17, 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.

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Date: January 18, 2018

By: /s/ Claire M. Chadwick

Name: Claire M. Chadwick

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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## Section 2: EX-99.1 (EXHIBIT 99.1)

Exhibit 99.1



For Immediate Release

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### STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL CORPORATION DECLARES CASH DIVIDEND

**Midland Park, NJ - January 17, 2018** - The Board of Directors of Stewardship Financial Corporation (NASDAQ: SSFN), parent company of Atlantic Stewardship Bank, has declared a \$0.03 per share cash dividend. Common stockholders of record as of February 1, 2018, will be paid the dividend on February 15, 2018. This dividend represents the eighty first consecutive quarterly dividend since 1998. The dividend amount per share remains unchanged as compared to the prior quarterly cash dividend. This dividend should not be used as an indicator of future dividends to common stockholders.

Stewardship Financial Corporation's subsidiary, Atlantic Stewardship Bank (ASB) is a full-service community bank serving both individuals and businesses. ASB is known for tithing, or sharing, 10% of its taxable income with nonprofit, educational, charitable and/or evangelical religious organizations. To date, ASB's total tithing donations total over \$9.3 million. ASB maintains 12 banking locations in Hawthorne, Midland Park, Montville, Morristown, North Haledon, Pequannock, Ridgewood, Waldwick, Westwood, Wyckoff and two offices in Wayne. ASB invites you to visit their website at [www.asbnow.com](http://www.asbnow.com) for additional information and to learn more.

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