

BRIDGE BANCORP INC  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 10-Q**

x **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2006

Commission file number 000-18546

**BRIDGE BANCORP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| <u>NEW YORK</u><br>(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | <u>11-2934195</u><br>(IRS Employer Identification Number) |
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| <u>2200 MONTAUK HIGHWAY, BRIDGEHAMPTON,<br/>NEW YORK</u><br>(Address of principal executive offices) | <u>11932</u><br>(Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (631) 537-1000

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one): Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes  No

There were 6,187,087 shares of common stock outstanding as of May 1, 2006.

**BRIDGE BANCORP, INC.**

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**Item 1. Financial Statements****BRIDGE BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY  
Consolidated Statements of Condition (unaudited)**

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

|  | <b>March 31,<br/>2006</b> | December 31,<br>2005 |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                           |                      |
| Cash and due from banks  | \$ 13,169                 | \$ 15,649            |
| Interest earning deposits with banks   | 50                        | 26                   |
| Total cash and cash equivalents  | 13,219                    | 15,675               |
| Securities available for sale  | 178,727                   | 182,801              |
| Securities held to maturity (fair value of \$10,111 and \$9,989, respectively) | 10,131                    | 10,012               |
| Total securities, net  | 188,858                   | 192,813              |
| Securities, restricted   | 1,125                     | 1,377                |
| Loans  | 300,723                   | 302,264              |
| Less: Allowance for loan losses  | (2,379)                   | (2,383)              |
| Loans, net   | 298,344                   | 299,881              |
| Banking premises and equipment, net  | 15,871                    | 15,640               |
| Accrued interest receivable  | 2,907                     | 2,624                |
| Other assets   | 4,690                     | 5,434                |
| <b>Total Assets</b>  | <b>\$ 525,014</b>         | <b>\$ 533,444</b>    |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>                                    |                           |                      |
| Demand deposits  | \$ 175,877                | \$ 190,426           |
| Savings, N.O.W. and money market deposits                                      | 252,381                   | 233,728              |
| Other time deposits  | 23,148                    | 24,850               |
| Certificates of deposit of \$100,000 or more                                   | 15,209                    | 19,021               |
| Total deposits   | 466,615                   | 468,025              |
| Overnight borrowings   | 8,900                     | 14,500               |
| Accrued interest payable   | 306                       | 328                  |
| Other liabilities and accrued expenses   | 2,677                     | 3,940                |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>   | <b>478,498</b>            | <b>486,793</b>       |
| <b>Stockholders' equity:</b>   |                           |                      |
| Common stock, par value \$.01 per share:                                       |                           |                      |
| Authorized: 20,000,000 shares; 6,386,306 issued; 6,195,087                     |                           |                      |
| and 6,206,539 shares outstanding at March 31, 2006 and December 31,            |                           |                      |
| 2005, respectively   |                           |                      |
|  | 64                        | 64                   |
| Surplus  | 21,551                    | 21,631               |
| Undivided profits  | 32,327                    | 31,813               |
| Less: Treasury Stock at cost, 191,219 and 179,767 shares at March 31,          |                           |                      |
| 2006 and   |                           |                      |
| December 31, 2005, respectively  |                           |                      |
|  | (4,686)                   | (4,285)              |
| Unearned stock awards  | -                         | (108)                |
|  | <b>49,256</b>             | <b>49,115</b>        |

Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income:

|   |    |                |    |         |
|---|----|----------------|----|---------|
| Net unrealized loss on securities, net of taxes of (\$1,782) and (\$1,596) at<br>March 31, 2006 |    |                |    |         |
| and December 31, 2005, respectively   |    | (2,652)        |    | (2,376) |
| Net minimum pension liability, net of taxes of \$59 at March 31, 2006                           |    |                |    |         |
| and December 31, 2005, respectively   |    | (88)           |    | (88)    |
| <b>Total Stockholders' Equity</b>   |    | <b>46,516</b>  |    | 46,651  |
| <b>Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</b>   | \$ | <b>525,014</b> | \$ | 533,444 |

*See accompanying notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements*

**BRIDGE BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY****Consolidated Statements of Income (unaudited)**

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

|   | <b>For the three months ended March 31,</b> |             |
|---|---|-------------|
|   | <b>2006</b>                                 | <b>2005</b> |
| <b>Interest income:</b>                             |   |             |
| Loans (including fee income)                        | \$ 5,571                                    | \$ 4,881    |
| Mortgage-backed securities                          | 1,125                                       | 1,073       |
| State and municipal obligations                     | 545   | 438         |
| U.S. Treasury and government agency securities      | 246   | 499         |
| Federal funds sold                                  | 44  | 5           |
| Other securities                                    | 23  | 16          |
| Deposits with banks                                 | 1   | -           |
| Total interest income                               | 7,555                                       | 6,912       |
| <b>Interest expense:</b>                            |   |             |
| Savings, N.O.W. and money market deposits           | 1,262                                       | 528         |
| Certificates of deposit of \$100,000 or more        | 98  | 148         |
| Other time deposits                                 | 123   | 107         |
| Other borrowed money                                | 47  | 113         |
| Federal funds purchased                             | 46  | 20          |
| Total interest expense                              | 1,576                                       | 916         |
| Net interest income                                 | 5,979                                       | 5,996       |
| Provision for loan losses                           | -   | -           |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | 5,979                                       | 5,996       |
| <b>Other income:</b>                                |   |             |
| Service charges on deposit accounts                 | 504   | 551         |
| Fees for other customer services                    | 161   | 223         |
| Title fee income                                    | 299   | 160         |
| Net securities (losses) gains                       | (257)                                       | 63          |
| Other operating income                              | 32  | 24          |
| Total other income                                  | 739   | 1,021       |
| <b>Other expenses:</b>                              |   |             |
| Salaries and employee benefits                      | 2,209                                       | 2,091       |
| Net occupancy expense                               | 343   | 341         |
| Furniture and fixture expense                       | 190   | 196         |
| Other operating expenses                            | 1,027                                       | 940         |
| Total other expenses                                | 3,769                                       | 3,568       |
| Income before provision for income taxes            | 2,949                                       | 3,449       |
| Provision for income taxes                          | 1,010                                       | 1,199       |
| Net income  | \$ 1,939                                    | \$ 2,250    |
| Basic earnings per share                            | \$ 0.31                                     | \$ 0.36     |
| Diluted earnings per share                          | \$ 0.31                                     | \$ 0.36     |
| Comprehensive income                                | \$ 1,663                                    | \$ 328      |

*See accompanying notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.*

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**BRIDGE BANCORP, INC. AND  
SUBSIDIARY**

**Consolidated Statements of  
Stockholders' Equity (unaudited)**

(In thousands, except share and per  
share amounts)

|   | Common<br>Shares<br>Outstanding | Stock<br>Amount | Comprehensive<br>Surplus | Income   | Undivided<br>Profits | Treasury<br>Stock | Unearned<br>Awards | Accumulated<br>Other<br>Comprehensive<br>Income<br>(Loss) | Total     |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---|-----------|
| <b>Balance at<br/>December 31, 2005</b>                                 | 6,206,539                       | \$ 64           | \$ 21,631                |          | \$ 31,813            | \$ (4,285)        | \$ (108)           | \$ (2,464)  | \$ 46,651 |
| Net income  |                                 |                 |                          | \$ 1,939 | 1,939                |                   |                    |   | 1,939     |
| Transfer due to<br>adoption of SFAS<br>123(r)                           |                                 |                 | (108 )                   |          |                      |                   | 108                |   | -         |
| Stock awards vested   | 3,356                           |                 | 19                       |          |                      |                   |                    |   | 19        |
| Exercise of stock<br>options  | 567                             |                 | 9                        |          |                      | (10)              |                    |   | (1)       |
| Treasury stock<br>purchases   | (15,375)                        |                 |                          |          |                      | (391)             |                    |   | (391)     |
| Cash dividends<br>declared, \$0.23 per<br>share                         |                                 |                 |                          |          | (1,425)              |                   |                    |   | (1,425)   |
| Other<br>comprehensive<br>income, net of tax                            |                                 |                 |                          |          |                      |                   |                    |   |           |
| Unrealized losses in<br>securities available<br>for sale,<br>net of tax |                                 |                 |                          | (276)    |                      |                   |                    | (276)   | (276)     |
| Comprehensive<br>income   |                                 |                 |                          | \$ 1,663 |                      |                   |                    |   |           |
| <b>Balance at March<br/>31, 2006</b>                                    | 6,195,087                       | \$ 64           | \$ 21,551                |          | \$ 32,327            | \$ (4,686)        | \$ -               | \$ (2,740)  | \$ 46,516 |

*See accompanying notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.*



**BRIDGE BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY**  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited)**  
(In thousands)

| Three months ended March 31,   | 2006      | 2005      |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Operating activities:</b>   |           |           |
| Net Income   | \$ 1,939  | \$ 2,250  |
| <b>Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:</b> |           |           |
| Provision for loan losses  | -         | -         |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 224       | 236       |
| Amortization and accretion, net  | 122       | 218       |
| Earned or allocated expense of restricted stock awards                                   | 13        | 28        |
| Net securities losses (gains)  | 257       | (63)      |
| Increase in accrued interest receivable  | (283)     | (261)     |
| Decrease in other assets   | 929       | 5         |
| (Decrease) increase in accrued and other liabilities                                     | (1,277)   | 467       |
| Net cash provided by operating activities  | 1,924     | 2,880     |
| <b>Investing activities:</b>   |           |           |
| Purchases of securities available for sale   | (18,287)  | (757)     |
| Purchases of securities, restricted  | (3,629)   | -         |
| Purchases of securities held to maturity   | (201)     | (3,332)   |
| Proceeds from sales of securities available for sale                                     | 17,288    | 11,051    |
| Redemption of securities, restricted   | 3,881     | -         |
| Proceeds from maturing securities available for sale                                     | 205       | -         |
| Proceeds from maturing securities held to maturity                                       | 82        | 3,275     |
| Proceeds from principal payments on mortgage-backed securities                           | 4,028     | 4,866     |
| Net decrease (increase) in loans   | 1,537     | (853)     |
| Purchases of banking premises and equipment, net of disposals                            | (455)     | (416)     |
| Net cash provided by investing activities  | 4,449     | 13,834    |
| <b>Financing activities:</b>   |           |           |
| Net (decrease) increase in deposits  | (1,410)   | 10,844    |
| Decrease in other borrowings   | (5,600)   | (21,200)  |
| Payment for the purchase of treasury stock   | (391)     | -         |
| Net proceeds from exercise of stock options issued pursuant to equity incentive plan     | -         | -         |
| Cash dividends paid  | (1,428)   | (1,313)   |
| Net cash used by financing activities  | (8,829)   | (11,669)  |
| (Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents   | (2,456)   | 5,045     |
| Cash and cash equivalents beginning of period  | 15,675    | 8,862     |
| Cash and cash equivalents end of period  | \$ 13,219 | \$ 13,907 |
| <b>Supplemental Information-Cash Flows:</b>  |           |           |
| Cash paid for:   |           |           |
| Interest   | \$ 1,598  | \$ 893    |
| Income taxes   | \$ 1,413  | \$ 471    |

Noncash investing and financing activities:

|                               |    |       |    |       |
|-------------------------------|----|-------|----|-------|
| Dividends declared and unpaid | \$ | 1,425 | \$ | 1,378 |
|-------------------------------|----|-------|----|-------|

*See accompanying notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.*

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**BRIDGE BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY**  
**CONDENSED NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**(unaudited)**

1. Basis of Presentation

Bridge Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) is incorporated under the laws of the State of New York as a single bank holding company. The Company’s business currently consists of the operations of its wholly-owned subsidiary, The Bridgehampton National Bank (the “Bank”). The Bank’s operations include its real estate investment trust subsidiary, Bridgehampton Community, Inc. (“BCI”) and a title insurance subsidiary; Bridge Abstract LLC (“Bridge Abstract”).

The accompanying Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements, which include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiary, the Bank, have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. The Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements included herein reflect all normal recurring adjustments that are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the interim periods presented. In preparing the interim financial statements, management has made estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expense during the reported periods. Such estimates are subject to change in the future as additional information becomes available or previously existing circumstances are modified. Actual future results could differ significantly from those estimates. The annualized results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2006 are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations that may be expected for the entire fiscal year. Certain information and note disclosures normally included in the financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles have been condensed or omitted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements and notes thereto included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005.

2. Earnings Per Share

Diluted earnings per share, which reflect the potential dilution that could occur if outstanding stock options were exercised and dilutive stock awards were fully vested and resulted in the issuance of common stock that then shared in the earnings of the Company, is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares and common stock equivalents.

| <b>Computation of Per Share Income</b><br>(in thousands, except per share data) | <b>Three months ended</b>       |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|   | <b>March 31,</b><br><b>2006</b> | <b>March 31,</b><br><b>2005</b> |
| Net Income  | \$ 1,939                        | \$ 2,250                        |
| Common Equivalent Shares:   |                                 |                                 |
| Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding                                      | 6,204                           | 6,259                           |
| Weighted Average Common Equivalent Shares                                       | 28                              | 60                              |
| Weighted Average Common and Common Equivalent Shares                            | 6,232                           | 6,319                           |
| Basic earnings per share  | \$ 0.31                         | \$ 0.36                         |
| Diluted earnings per share  | \$ 0.31                         | \$ 0.36                         |

There are approximately 6,954 options outstanding and 3,239 shares of unvested restricted stock at March 31, 2006 that were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because the options' exercise prices and the restricted stock grant prices were greater than the average market price of the common stock and were, therefore, antidilutive.

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### 3. Repurchased Stock

For the three months ended March 31, 2006, the Company repurchased 15,375 shares as compared to no repurchases during the three-month period ended March 31, 2005. Repurchased shares are held in the Company's treasury account.

Additionally on March 27, 2006, the Board of Directors approved a new stock repurchase program that brings the number of shares authorized for repurchase to 309,000 or approximately 5% of its total issued and outstanding common shares. These shares would be purchased from time to time in the open market or through private purchases, depending on market conditions, availability of stock, the trading price of the stock, alternative uses for capital, and the Company's financial performance. The repurchased shares will be used for general corporate purposes.

### 4. Stock Based Compensation Plans

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 123R ("SFAS 123R"), "*Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, Revised*," requires all public companies to record compensation cost for stock options provided to employees in return for employee service. The cost is measured at the fair value of the options when granted, and this cost is expensed over the employee service period, which is normally the vesting period of the options. The Company adopted SFAS 123R beginning January 1, 2006 applying the modified prospective transition method. Under the modified prospective transition method, the financial statements will not reflect restated amounts. No new grants were awarded during 2006 and no shares were unvested resulting in no compensation expense being recorded through March 31, 2006 relating to stock options. Historically, substantially all of the options granted by the Company have vested immediately; compensation expense would be recorded on the date of grant. The intrinsic value for stock options is calculated based on the exercise price of the underlying awards and the market price of our common stock as of the reporting date. The intrinsic value of options exercised during the first quarter of 2006 was \$15,000. No options were exercised during the first quarter of 2005. The intrinsic value of options outstanding and exercisable at March 31, 2006 is \$762,000. The effect of this pronouncement on future operations will depend on the fair value of future options issued and accordingly, cannot be determined at this time.

The following table illustrates the effect on net income and earnings per share if expense was measured using the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS 123R. We have used the Black-Scholes option pricing model to estimate the grant date fair value of our option grants.

| (In thousands, except per share data) |              | Three months ended, |       |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------|
|                                       |              | March 31, 2005      |       |
| Net Income:                           | As Reported: | \$                  | 2,250 |
|                                       | Pro Forma:   | \$                  | 2,235 |
| Basic EPS:                            | As Reported: | \$                  | 0.36  |
|                                       | Pro Forma:   | \$                  | 0.36  |
| Diluted EPS:                          | As Reported: | \$                  | 0.36  |
|                                       | Pro Forma:   | \$                  | 0.35  |

A summary of the status of the Company's stock options as of March 31, 2006 is as follows:

|  | Number<br>of<br>Options | Weighted<br>Average<br>Exercise<br>Price |
|--|-------------------------|--|
| Outstanding, December 31, 2005                 | 83,107                  | \$ 16.88                                 |
| Granted  |                         |  |
| Exercised                                      | (1,125)                 | \$ 12.53                                 |
| Forfeited                                      | 2,720                   | \$ 25.60                                 |
| Outstanding and exercisable, March 31, 2006    | 79,262                  | \$ 16.64                                 |
| Weighted average fair value of options granted |                         | \$ -                                     |
| Weighted average remaining contractual life    |                         | 5.27 years                               |

|                          | Number<br>of<br>Shares | Price            |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Range of Exercise Prices |                        |                  |
|                          | 8,000                  | \$ 9.78-\$11.00  |
|                          | 9,900                  | \$ 12.53         |
|                          | 25,933                 | \$ 13.17-14.67   |
|                          | 17,100                 | \$ 15.47         |
|                          | 18,329                 | \$ 24.00-\$30.60 |

A summary of the status of the Company's unvested restricted stock shares as of March 31, 2006 is as follows:

|                             | Shares  | Weighted<br>Average<br>Grant-Date<br>Fair Value |
|-----------------------------|---------|---|
| Unvested, December 31, 2005 | 7,214   | \$ 23.44  |
| Granted                     | -       | -   |
| Vested                      | (3,356) | \$ 19.94  |
| Forfeited                   | -       | -   |
| Unvested, March 31, 2006    | 3,858   | \$ 26.48  |

## 5. Securities

A summary of the amortized cost and estimated fair value of securities is as follows:

| (In thousands)                                 | March 31, 2006 |                      | December 31, 2005 |                      |
|--|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
|  | Amortized Cost | Estimated Fair Value | Amortized Cost    | Estimated Fair Value |
| Available for sale:                            |                |                      |                   |                      |
| U.S. Treasury and government agency securities | \$ 20,868      | \$ 20,308            | \$ 38,443         | \$ 37,662            |
| State and municipal obligations                | 51,148         | 50,816               | 51,392            | 51,220               |
| Mortgage-backed securities                     | 111,145        | 107,603              | 96,938            | 93,919               |
| Total available for sale                       | 183,161        | 178,727              | 186,773           | 182,801              |
| Held to maturity:                              |                |                      |                   |                      |
| State and municipal obligations                | 10,131         | 10,111               | 10,012            | 9,989                |
| Total held to maturity                         | 10,131         | 10,111               | 10,012            | 9,989                |
| Total debt and equity securities               | \$ 194,417     | \$ 189,963           | \$ 198,162        | \$ 194,167           |

Securities having a fair value of approximately \$146,304,000 and \$123,314,000 at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively, were pledged to secure public deposits and Federal Home Loan Bank overnight borrowings. The Bank did not hold any trading securities during the three months ended March 31, 2006 or the year ended December 31, 2005.

## 6. Loans

The following table sets forth the major classifications of loans:

| (In thousands)                                | March 31, 2006 | December 31, 2005 |
|---|----------------|-------------------|
| Real estate mortgage loans                    | \$ 243,051     | \$ 242,928        |
| Commercial, financial, and agricultural loans | 33,846         | 31,644            |
| Installment/consumer loans                    | 8,922          | 9,827             |
| Real estate construction loans                | 14,961         | 17,960            |
| Total loans                                   | 300,780        | 302,359           |
| Unearned income                               | (57)           | (95)              |
|   | 300,723        | 302,264           |
| Allowance for loan losses                     | (2,379)        | (2,383)           |
| Net loans                                     | \$ 298,344     | \$ 299,881        |

The principal business of the Bank is lending, primarily in commercial real estate loans, construction loans, home equity loans, land loans, consumer loans, residential mortgages and commercial loans. The Bank considers its primary lending area to be eastern Long Island in Suffolk County, New York, and a substantial portion of the Bank's loans are

secured by real estate in this area. Accordingly, the ultimate collectibility of such a loan portfolio is susceptible to changes in market and economic conditions in this region.

Nonaccrual loans at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005 were \$352,000 and \$658,000, respectively. There were no loans 90 days or more past due that were still accruing, or any restructured loans at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005.

As of March 31, 2006 the Company had an impaired loan of \$50,000, as defined by SFAS No. 114. There were no impaired loans as of December 31, 2005. For a loan to be considered impaired, management determines after review whether it is probable that the Company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Additionally management applies its normal loan review procedures in making these judgments.

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## 7. Allowance for Loan Losses

Management monitors its entire loan portfolio on a regular basis, with consideration given to detailed analyses of classified loans, repayment patterns, current delinquencies, probable incurred losses, past loss experience, current economic conditions, and various types of concentrations of credit. Additions to the allowance are charged to expense and realized losses, net of recoveries, are charged to the allowance. Based on the determination of management and the Classification Committee, the overall level of reserves is periodically adjusted to account for the inherent and specific risks within the entire portfolio. Based on the Classification Committee's review of the classified loans and the overall reserve levels as they relate to the entire loan portfolio at March 31, 2006, we believe the allowance for loan losses is adequate. The following table sets forth changes in the allowance for loan losses.

| (In thousands)               | For the Three Months Ended |                   | For the Year                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
|                              | March<br>31, 2006          | March 31,<br>2005 | Ended<br>December<br>31, 2005 |
| Beginning balance            | \$ 2,383                   | \$ 2,188          | \$ 2,188                      |
| Provision for loan loss      | -                          | -                 | 300                           |
| Net (charge-offs)/recoveries | (4)                        | 114               | (105)                         |
| Ending balance               | \$ 2,379                   | \$ 2,302          | \$ 2,383                      |

## 8. Employee Benefits

The Bank maintains a noncontributory pension plan through the New York State Bankers Association Retirement System covering all eligible employees.

The Bridgehampton National Bank Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan ("SERP") provides benefits to certain employees, as recommended by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors and approved by the full Board of Directors, whose benefits under the Pension Plan are limited by the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. The benefit under the SERP is equal to the additional amount the employee would be entitled to under the Pension Plan in the absence of such Internal Revenue Code limitations. The assets of the SERP are held in a rabbi trust to maintain the tax-deferred status for the individuals in the plan. As a result, the assets of the trust are reflected on the Consolidated Statements of Condition of the Company.

Contributions to the pension plan were \$665,900 while no contributions were made to the SERP for the three months ended March 31, 2006. The Company does not anticipate making any additional contributions to the pension plan through the end of the year.

The Company's funding policy with respect to its benefit plans is to contribute at least the minimum amounts required by applicable laws and regulations.

| (In thousands)                          | At March 31,     |       |               |       |
|---|------------------|-------|---------------|-------|
|   | Pension Benefits |       | SERP Benefits |       |
| Components of net periodic benefit cost | 2006             | 2005  | 2006          | 2005  |
| Service cost                            | \$ 105           | \$ 79 | \$ 16         | \$ 22 |
| Interest cost                           | 62               | 56    | 14            | 18    |
| Expected return on plan assets          | (81)             | (74)  | -             | -     |
| Amortization of net loss                | 10               | 6     | -             | 6     |
|   | 2                | 2     | -             | -     |

|  |       |       |       |       |  |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| Amortization of unrecognized prior service cost            |       |       |       |       |  |
| Amortization of unrecognized transition (asset) obligation | (1)   | (2)   | 7     | 7     |  |
| Net periodic benefit cost                                  | \$ 97 | \$ 67 | \$ 37 | \$ 53 |  |

## Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

### *Private Securities Litigation Reform Act Safe Harbor Statement*

This report may contain statements relating to the future results of the Company (including certain projections and business trends) that are considered "forward-looking statements" as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "PSLRA"). Such forward-looking statements, in addition to historical information, which involve risk and uncertainties, are based on the beliefs, assumptions and expectations of management of the Company. Words such as "expects," "believes," "should," "plans," "anticipates," "will," "potential," "could," "intend," "may," "outlook," "predict," "estimates," "assumes," "likely," and variations of such similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. Examples of forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, possible or assumed estimates with respect to the financial condition, expected or anticipated revenue, and results of operations and business of the Company, including earnings growth; revenue growth in retail banking, lending and other areas; origination volume in the Company's consumer, commercial and other lending businesses; current and future capital management programs; non-interest income levels, including fees from the abstract subsidiary and banking services as well as product sales; tangible capital generation; market share; expense levels; and other business operations and strategies. For this presentation, the Company claims the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the PSLRA.

Factors that could cause future results to vary from current management expectations include, but are not limited to, changing economic conditions; legislative and regulatory changes; monetary and fiscal policies of the federal government; changes in tax policies; rates and regulations of federal, state and local tax authorities; changes in interest rates; deposit flows; the cost of funds; demand for loan products; demand for financial services; competition; changes in the quality and composition of the Bank's loan and investment portfolios; changes in management's business strategies; changes in accounting principles, policies or guidelines; changes in real estate values and other factors discussed elsewhere in this report, factors set forth under Item 1A., Risk Factors, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 and in other reports filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this report, and the Company assumes no obligation to update the forward-looking statements or to update the reasons why actual results could differ from those projected in the forward-looking statements.

### *Overview*

Bridge Bancorp, Inc. ("the Company"), a New York corporation, is a one-bank holding company formed in 1989. On a parent-only basis, the Company had nominal results of operations. In the event the Company subsequently expands its current operations, it will be dependent on dividends from its wholly owned subsidiary, The Bridgehampton National Bank ("the Bank"), its own earnings, additional capital raised, and borrowings as sources of funds. The information in this report reflects principally the financial condition and results of operations of the Bank. The Bank's results of operations are primarily dependent on its net interest income, which is mainly the difference between interest income on loans and investments and interest expense on deposits and borrowings. The Bank also generates other income, such as fee income on deposit accounts and merchant credit and debit card processing programs, income from its title abstract subsidiary, and net gains on sales of securities and loans. The level of its other expenses, such as salaries and benefits, occupancy and equipment costs, other general and administrative expenses, expenses from its title insurance subsidiary, and income tax expense, further affects the Bank's net income. This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements, the notes thereto, and other financial information included in the Company's 2005 Form 10-K and this filing. Certain reclassifications have been made to prior year amounts, and the related discussion and analysis, to conform to the current year presentation.

Net income for the three months ended March 31, 2006 was \$1,939,000 compared to earnings of \$2,250,000 for the same period last year, a decrease of \$311,000. Diluted earnings per share for the first quarter 2006 decreased \$0.05, or

13.9%, to \$0.31 from \$0.36 per diluted share for the first quarter of 2005. Balance sheet and interest rate risk management included a repositioning of a portion of the available for sale investment securities portfolio resulting in a net pretax loss of \$257,000 during the first quarter of 2006. Growing profits in the current flat or inverted yield curve environment presented significant challenges to the Bank since as a community bank its income historically relies heavily on the interest rate spread between short term and long term rates. The ability for the Bank to borrow short at a lower cost and invest longer at a higher yield is diminished. The long end of the treasury yield curve remained

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stubbornly flat through the first quarter of 2006, while at the same time, intense competition for loans and deposits and rising short term rates drove up funding costs.

The Bank remained focused on growing demand deposits, which increased 10.8% as of March 31, 2006 from March 31, 2005. The present funding mix is comprised of a sound level of core deposits, with demand deposits reaching 37.7% of total deposits at March 31, 2006. Core deposits are important relative to funding costs, and the Bank remains committed to growing its deposit base through increased market share in existing markets and continued branch expansion. The Bank opened its newest branch office in Westhampton Beach in December 2005 resulting in \$3,600,000 in deposits over a four month period, with 64.5% of these deposits in low cost demand deposits. During the first quarter of 2006, the Bank entered a conditional lease agreement for a full service branch office in Cutchogue, NY. A third quarter 2006 opening is anticipated.

The Bank experienced total loan growth of 1.2% to \$300,723,000 at March 31, 2006, from \$297,101,000 at the same date last year. The pace of credit activity accelerated during the first three months of 2006 and although loan payoffs during the first quarter of 2006 offset much of the increased volume, loan growth is expected from the recent expansion and redeployment of the Bank's lending team. The loan loss reserve remains healthy relative to existing nonperforming assets as nonaccrual loans decreased \$352,000 from December 31, 2005. No additional provision for the loan loss was provided for in the first quarter. The Bank's loan portfolio remains heavily weighted toward real estate collateralized loans. As such, management carefully monitors the loan portfolio as well as real estate trends on eastern Long Island. By maintaining conservative underwriting criteria, the Company believes it will be better positioned against declining credit quality should there be a weakening of the local real estate market.

The Bank's historically strong efficiency ratio points to a continued commitment to prudent spending. The Bank is committed to maintaining a high quality staff and a competitive product menu as it continues to balance its growth objectives with the resources required to deliver consistently high level service.

In March 2006 the Company declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.23 per share. On a quarterly and year-to-date basis, the dividend has increased 4.6% over last year. The Company continues its trend of long term uninterrupted dividends.

### ***Critical Accounting Policies***

#### ***Allowance for Loan Losses***

Management considers the accounting policy on loans and the related allowance for loan losses to be the most critical and requires complex management judgment as discussed below. The judgments made regarding the allowance for loan losses can have a material effect on the results of operations of the Company.

The allowance for loan losses is established and maintained through a provision for loan losses based on probable incurred losses inherent in the Bank's loan portfolio. Management evaluates the adequacy of the allowance on a quarterly basis. The allowance is comprised of both individual valuation allowances and loan pool valuation allowances. If the allowance for loan losses is not sufficient to cover actual loan losses, the Company's earnings could decrease.

The Bank monitors its entire loan portfolio on a regular basis, with consideration given to detailed analysis of classified loans, repayment patterns, probable incurred losses, past loss experience, current economic conditions, and various types of concentrations of credit. Additions to the allowance are charged to expense and realized losses, net of recoveries, are charged to the allowance.

Individual valuation allowances are established in connection with specific loan reviews and the asset classification process including the procedures for impairment testing under Statement of Accounting Standard (“SFAS”) No. 114, “*Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan, an Amendment of FASB Statements No. 5 and 15,*” and SFAS No. 118, “*Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan - Income Recognition and Disclosures, an Amendment of SFAS No. 114.*” Such valuation, which includes a review of loans for which full collectibility in accordance with contractual terms is not reasonably assured, considers the estimated fair value of the underlying collateral less the costs to sell, if any, or the present value of expected future cash flows, or the loan’s observable market value. Any shortfall that exists from this analysis results in a specific allowance for the loan. Pursuant to our policy, loan losses must be charged-off in the period the loans, or portions thereof, are deemed uncollectible. Assumptions and judgments by

management, in conjunction with outside sources, are used to determine whether full collectibility of a loan is not reasonably assured. These assumptions and judgments also are used to determine the estimates of the fair value of the underlying collateral or the present value of expected future cash flows or the loan's observable market value. Individual valuation allowances could differ materially as a result of changes in these assumptions and judgments. Individual loan analyses are periodically performed on specific loans considered impaired. The results of the individual valuation allowances are aggregated and included in the overall allowance for loan losses.

Loan pool valuation allowances represent loss allowances that have been established to recognize the inherent risks associated with our lending activities, but which, unlike individual allowances, have not been allocated to particular problem assets. Pool evaluations are broken down as follows: first, loans with homogenous characteristics are pooled by loan type and include home equity loans, residential mortgages, land loans and consumer loans. Then all remaining loans are segregated into pools based upon the risk rating of each credit. Key factors in determining a credit's risk rating include management's evaluation of: cash flow, collateral, guarantor support, financial disclosures, industry trends and management. The determination of the adequacy of the valuation allowance is a process that takes into consideration a variety of factors. The Bank has developed a range of valuation allowances necessary to adequately provide for probable incurred losses inherent in each pool of loans. We consider our own charge-off history along with the growth in the portfolio as well as the Bank's credit administration and asset management philosophies and procedures when determining the allowances for each pool. In addition, we evaluate and consider the impact that existing and projected economic and market conditions may have on the portfolio as well as known and inherent risks in the portfolio. Finally, we evaluate and consider the allowance ratios and coverage percentages of both peer group and regulatory agency data. These evaluations are inherently subjective because, even though they are based on objective data, it is management's interpretation of that data that determines the amount of the appropriate allowance. If the evaluations prove to be incorrect, the allowance for loan losses may not be sufficient to cover losses inherent in the loan portfolio, resulting in additions to the allowance for loan losses.

The Classification Committee is comprised of both members of management and the Board of Directors. The adequacy of the reserves is analyzed quarterly, with any adjustment to a level deemed appropriate by the Classification Committee, based on its risk assessment of the entire portfolio. Based on the Classification Committee's review of the classified loans and the overall reserve levels as they relate to the entire loan portfolio at March 31, 2006, management believes the allowance for loan losses has been established at levels sufficient to cover the probable incurred losses in the Bank's loan portfolio. Future additions or reductions to the allowance may be necessary based on changes in economic, market or other conditions. Changes in estimates could result in a material change in the allowance. In addition, various regulatory agencies, as an integral part of the examination process, periodically review the Bank's allowance for loan losses. Such agencies may require the Bank to recognize adjustments to the allowance based on their judgments of the information available to them at the time of their examination.

### ***Net Income***

Net income for the three-month period ended March 31, 2006 totaled \$1,939,000 or \$0.31 per diluted share as compared to \$2,250,000 or \$0.36 per diluted share for the same period in 2005. Changes for the three months ended March 31, 2006 include: (i) \$17,000 or 0.3% decrease in net interest income; (ii) \$282,000 or 27.6% decrease in total other income as a result of a net loss due to repositioning of the available for sale investment portfolio and (iii) \$201,000 or 5.6% increase in total other expenses, over the same period in 2005 primarily due to increased salaries and employee benefits. The effective income tax rate decreased to 34.3% from 34.8% for the same period last year.

### ***Analysis of Net Interest Income***

Net interest income, the primary contributor to earnings, represents the difference between income on interest earning assets and expenses on interest bearing liabilities. Net interest income depends upon the volume of interest earning assets and interest bearing liabilities and the interest rates earned or paid on them.

The following table sets forth certain information relating to the Company's average consolidated statements of financial condition and its consolidated statements of income for the years indicated and reflect the average yield on assets and average cost of liabilities for the years indicated. Such yields and costs are derived by dividing income or expense by the average balance of assets or liabilities, respectively, for the years shown. Average balances are derived from daily average balances and include non-performing accrual loans. The yields and costs include fees, which are considered adjustments to yields. Interest on nonaccrual loans has been included only to the extent reflected in the

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consolidated statements of income. For purposes of this table, the average balances for investments in debt and equity securities exclude unrealized appreciation/depreciation due to the application of SFAS No. 115, *Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities.*

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**Three months ended March****31,**

(In thousands)

|   | 2006               |          |                           | 2005               |          |                           |
|---|--------------------|----------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------|---------------------------|
|   | Average<br>Balance | Interest | Average<br>Yield/<br>Cost | Average<br>Balance | Interest | Average<br>Yield/<br>Cost |
| <b>Interest earning assets:</b>   |                    |          |                           |                    |          |                           |
| Loans, net (including loan fee income)                                  | \$ 297,824         | \$ 5,571 | 7.6%                      | \$ 295,293         | \$ 4,881 | 6.7%                      |
| Mortgage-backed securities  | 104,762            | 1,125    | 4.3                       | 105,582            | 1,073    | 4.1                       |
| Taxable securities  | 28,095             | 246      | 3.5                       | 52,609             | 499      | 3.8                       |
| Tax exempt securities <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | 61,410             | 829      | 5.4                       | 61,315             | 671      | 4.4                       |
| Federal funds sold  | 3,950              | 44       | 4.5                       | 857                | 5        | 2.3                       |
| Securities, restricted  | 901                | 23       | 10.4                      | 1,979              | 16       | 3.3                       |
| Deposits with banks   | 82                 | 1        | 5.0                       | 64                 | -        | -                         |
| Total interest earning assets   | 497,024            | 7,839    | 6.4                       | 517,699            | 7,145    | 5.6                       |
| <b>Non interest earning assets:</b>                                     |                    |          |                           |                    |          |                           |
| Cash and due from banks   | 15,024             |          |                           | 14,748             |          |                           |
| Other assets  | 17,937             |          |                           | 19,094             |          |                           |
| Total assets  | \$ 529,985         |          |                           | \$ 551,541         |          |                           |
| <b>Interest bearing liabilities:</b>                                    |                    |          |                           |                    |          |                           |
| Savings, N.O.W. and money market deposits                               | \$ 254,752         | \$ 1,262 | 2.0%                      | \$ 250,589         | \$ 528   | 0.9%                      |
| Certificates of deposit of \$100,000 or more                            | 17,750             | 98       | 2.2                       | 35,862             | 148      | 1.7                       |
| Other time deposits   | 23,870             | 123      | 2.1                       | 30,611             | 107      | 1.4                       |
| Federal funds purchased   | 4,000              | 46       | 4.7                       | 3,104              | 20       | 2.6                       |
| Other borrowings  | 3,908              | 47       | 4.9                       | 17,280             | 113      | 2.7                       |
| Total interest bearing liabilities                                      | 304,280            | 1,576    | 2.1                       | 337,446            | 916      | 1.1                       |
| <b>Non interest bearing liabilities:</b>                                |                    |          |                           |                    |          |                           |
| Demand deposits   | 176,691            |          |                           | 163,733            |          |                           |
| Other liabilities   | 1,324              |          |                           | 2,432              |          |                           |
| Total liabilities   | 482,295            |          |                           | 503,611            |          |                           |
| Stockholders' equity  | 47,690             |          |                           | 47,930             |          |                           |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity                              | \$ 529,985         |          |                           | \$ 551,541         |          |                           |
| <b>Net interest income/interest rate spread <sup>(2)</sup></b>          |                    |          |                           |                    |          |                           |
|   |                    | 6,263    | 4.3%                      |                    | 6,229    | 4.5%                      |
| <b>Net interest earning assets/net interest margin <sup>(3)</sup></b>   |                    |          |                           |                    |          |                           |
|   | \$ 192,744         |          | 5.1%                      | \$ 180,253         |          | 4.9%                      |
| <b>Ratio of interest earning assets to interest bearing liabilities</b> |                    |          |                           |                    |          |                           |
|   |                    |          | 163.3%                    |                    |          | 153.4%                    |

|                                 |          |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Less: Tax equivalent adjustment | (284)    | (233)    |
| Net interest income             | \$ 5,979 | \$ 5,996 |

- (1) The above table is presented on a tax equivalent basis.
- (2) Net interest rate spread represents the difference between the yield on average interest earning assets and the cost of average interest bearing liabilities.
- (3) Net interest margin represents net interest income divided by average interest earning assets.

**Rate/Volume Analysis**

Net interest income can be analyzed in terms of the impact of changes in rates and volumes. The following table illustrates the extent to which changes in interest rates and in volume of average interest earning assets and interest bearing liabilities have affected the Bank's interest income and interest expense during the periods indicated. Information is provided in each category with respect to (i) changes attributable to changes in volume (changes in volume multiplied by prior rate); (ii) changes attributable to changes in rates (changes in rates multiplied by prior volume); and (iii) the net changes. For purposes of this table, changes, which are not due solely to volume or rate changes, have been allocated to these categories based on the respective percentage changes in average volume and rate. Due to the numerous simultaneous volume and rate changes during the periods analyzed, it is not possible to precisely allocate changes between volume and rates. In addition, average earning assets include nonaccrual loans.

| (In thousands)                                    | Three months ended March 31<br>2006 Over 2005 |          |               |
|---|---|----------|---------------|
|   | Changes Due To                                |          | Net<br>Change |
|   | Volume  | Rate     |               |
| Interest income on interest earning assets:       |   |          |               |
| Loans (including loan fee income)                 | \$ 42   | \$ 648   | \$ 690        |
| Mortgage-backed securities                        | (52)  | 104      | 52            |
| Taxable securities                                | (217)   | (36)     | (253)         |
| Tax exempt securities <sup>(1)</sup>              | 1   | 157      | 158           |
| Federal funds sold                                | 31  | 8        | 39            |
| Securities, restricted                            | (55)  | 62       | 7             |
| Deposits with banks                               | (2)   | 3        | 1             |
| Total interest earning assets                     | (252)   | 946      | 694           |
| Interest expense on interest bearing liabilities: |   |          |               |
| Savings, N.O.W. and money market deposits         | 8   | 726      | 734           |
| Certificates of deposit of \$100,000 or more      | (273)   | 223      | (50)          |
| Other time deposits                               | (126)   | 142      | 16            |
| Federal funds purchased                           | 7   | 19       | 26            |
| Other borrowings                                  | (400)   | 334      | (66)          |
| Total interest bearing liabilities                | (784)   | 1,444    | 660           |
| Net interest income                               | \$ 532  | \$ (498) | \$ 34         |

(1) The above table is presented on a tax equivalent basis.

The net interest margin increased to 5.1% from 4.9% from the same three-month period in 2005. There was a decrease in net interest income of \$17,000 or 0.3% for the current three-month period from the same period last year. Average total interest earning assets decreased to \$497,024,000 from \$517,699,000 or 4% while there was an increase in the yield on average interest earning assets to 6.4% from 5.6%. The volume of average total interest earning assets decreased which was offset by the increase in the rate of average total interest earning assets. Average interest bearing

liabilities decreased 9.8% to \$304,280,000 in 2005 from \$337,446,000 for the same period last year. The cost of average interest bearing liabilities increased to 2.1% during 2006 from 1.1% for 2005.

For the quarter ended March 31, 2006, the yield on average interest earning assets was up from the quarter ended March 31, 2005. The cost of average interest bearing liabilities also was up from the same quarter in 2005 due to increases in interest rates on interest bearing deposits and average overnight borrowings as a result of the increasing rates by the Federal Reserve. Because the Company's interest bearing liabilities generally reprice or mature more quickly than its interest earning assets, an increase in short term interest rates would initially result in a decrease in net interest income.

Average loans grew by \$2,531,000 or 0.9% when compared to the same three-month period in 2005. Real estate mortgage loans contributed to the growth as well as an increase in installment/consumer loans. Commercial, financial, and agricultural loans and real estate construction loans had decreases of 8.0% and 32.8%, respectively. Real estate mortgage loans at March 31, 2006 increased \$11,241,000 or 4.9% over March 31, 2005. Growth in real estate mortgage loans is mainly attributed to an increase in commercial mortgages offset by a decline in 1-4 family residential properties. There was a decline in residential and commercial real estate construction loans of \$7,312,000 when compared to March 31, 2005. The Bank is committed to growing loans with prudent underwriting, sensible pricing and limited credit and extension risk. The rate of loan growth was slower for the first quarter of 2006 than a year ago for the same time period reflecting market place conditions.

Total average investments decreased \$26,317,000 or 11.9% in the first quarter of 2006 compared to the same three-month period in 2005. Average mortgage-backed securities decreased 0.8% to \$104,762,000 and taxable securities decreased \$24,514,000 or 46.6% when compared to the same three-month period in 2005. To position the balance sheet for the future and better manage interest rate risk, a portion of the available for sale investment securities portfolio was repositioned in the first quarter resulting in a net loss on the sale of available for sale investments during the first quarter of 2006. Average tax exempt securities grew 0.2% to \$61,410,000 from \$61,315,000. Average federal funds sold increased \$3,093,000 or 360.9% over the same period in the prior year.

Average deposits declined by \$7,732,000, or 1.6% for the quarter ended March 31, 2006, over the same three-month period last year. Components of this decrease include decreases in average balances for certificates of deposit of \$100,000 or more and other time deposits. This decline was offset by increases in average demand deposits of \$12,958,000 or 7.9% and increases in average savings, N.O.W. and money market deposit balances. Average federal funds purchased and other borrowings decreased to \$7,908,000 for the first quarter of 2006 from the same three-month period in 2005. Average public fund deposits increased \$12,603,000 from the prior year comprising 20.5% of total average deposits at March 31, 2006 and 17.6% of total average deposits at March 31, 2005.

### ***Provision and Allowance for Loan Losses***

The Bank's loan portfolio consists primarily of real estate loans secured by commercial and residential real estate properties located in the Bank's principal lending area on eastern Long Island. The interest rates charged by the Bank on loans are affected primarily by the demand for such loans, the supply of money available for lending purposes, the rates offered by its competitors, the Bank's relationship with the customer and the related credit risks of the transaction. These factors are affected by general and economic conditions including, but not limited to, monetary policies of the federal government, including the Federal Reserve Board, legislative policies and governmental budgetary matters.

The credit quality of the loan portfolio remained strong for the quarter ended March 31, 2006. Since December 31, 2005, nonaccrual loans decreased to \$352,000 from \$658,000, representing 0.1% of net loans at March 31, 2006. Total nonaccrual loans represented 0.2% of net loans at December 31, 2005. As of March 31, 2006 the Company had an impaired loan of \$50,000, as defined by SFAS No. 114. There were no impaired loans at of December 31, 2005. The Bank had no foreclosed real estate at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005. The Bank incurred net charge-offs in the amount of \$4,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2006 as compared to net recoveries of \$114,000 for the same period in 2005.

Loans of approximately \$3,848,000 or 1.3% of total loans at March 31, 2006 were classified as potential problem loans. This was a decrease of \$1,237,000 from \$5,085,000 or 1.7% of total loans at December 31, 2005. These are loans that are currently performing and do not meet the criteria for impairment, but where some concern exists. These loans are subject to increased management attention and their classification is reviewed on at least a quarterly basis. Due to the structure and nature of the credits, management currently believes that the likelihood of sustaining a loss on these relationships is remote.

Based on our continuing review of the overall loan portfolio, of the current asset quality of the portfolio, and the net charge-offs of \$4,000, no provision for loan losses was recorded during the first three months of 2006. The allowance for loan losses decreased to \$2,379,000 at March 31, 2006, as compared to \$2,383,000 at December 31, 2005. As a percentage of total loans, the allowance remained at 0.79% at March 31, 2006 from December 31, 2005. The allowance for loan losses as a percentage of total loans was 0.78% as of March 31, 2005.

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### ***Non Interest Income***

Total other income decreased during the three-month period ended March 31, 2006 by \$282,000 or 27.6% from the same period last year. Net losses on sales of securities during the three months ended March 31, 2006 totaled \$257,000, compared to net securities gains for the three-month period ended March 31, 2005 of \$63,000. Excluding net securities losses and gains, total other income increased \$38,000 or 4.0% for the three months ended March 31, 2006. Service charges on deposit accounts for the three-month period ended March 31, 2006 totaled \$504,000 and fees for other customer services for the three-month period ended March 31, 2006 totaled \$161,000, reflecting decreases from the same three-month period in 2005.

For the three-month periods ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, Bridge Abstract generated title fee income of \$299,000 and \$160,000, respectively.

### ***Non Interest Expense***

Total other expenses increased during the three-month period ended March 31, 2006 by \$201,000 or 5.6% over the same period last year. The primary component of this increase was salary and benefit expense increasing \$118,000 or 5.6% for the three-month period ended March 31, 2006 over the same period last year. Increases in salaries and employee benefit costs were due to base salary increases and in filling new positions, as well as increased employee benefits.

Total other operating expenses for the three-month period ended March 31, 2006 totaled \$1,027,000; an increase of \$87,000 or 9.3% over the same period last year due primarily to increases in directors' fees and professional services.

### ***Income Taxes***

The provision for income taxes decreased during the three-month period ended March 31, 2006 by \$189,000 or 15.8% from the same period last year due in part to the increase in net securities losses and a decline in pre-tax operating income. The effective tax rate for the three-month period ended March 31, 2006 decreased to 34.25% as compared to 34.76% for the same period last year.

### ***Financial Condition***

Assets totaled \$525,014,000 at March 31, 2006, a decrease of \$8,430,000 or 1.6% from December 31, 2005. This change is primarily a result of decreases in the investment portfolio of \$4,207,000, or 2.2% and decreases in total loans of \$1,541,000 or 0.5%. Savings, N.O.W. and money market deposits increased \$18,653,000 as of March 31, 2006 from December 31, 2005 offset by decreases of \$20,063,000 in demand deposits, and certificates of deposit of \$100,000 or more and other time deposits. Overnight borrowings decreased \$5,600,000 as of March 31, 2006 from December 31, 2005.

Total stockholders' equity was \$46,516,000 at March 31, 2006, a decrease of 0.3% from December 31, 2005 primarily due to repurchases of treasury stock and an increase in net unrealized losses on securities.

### ***Liquidity***

The objective of liquidity management is to ensure the sufficiency of funds available to respond to the needs of depositors and borrowers, and to take advantage of unanticipated earnings enhancement opportunities for Company growth. Liquidity management addresses the ability to meet deposit withdrawals either on demand or contractual maturity, to repay other borrowings as they mature and to make new loans and investments as opportunities arise.



The Company's principal source of liquidity is dividends from the Bank. Due to regulatory restrictions, dividends from the Bank to the Company at March 31, 2006 were limited to \$11,066,000, which represents the Bank's 2006 retained net income and the net undivided profits from the previous two years. The dividends received from the Bank are used primarily for dividends to the shareholders and stock repurchases. In the event that the Company

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subsequently expands its current operations, in addition to dividends from the Bank, it will need to rely on its own earnings, additional capital raised and other borrowings to meet liquidity needs.

The Bank's most liquid assets are cash and cash equivalents, securities available for sale and securities held to maturity due within one year. The levels of these assets are dependent upon the Bank's operating, financing, lending and investing activities during any given period. Other sources of liquidity include loan and investment securities principal repayments and maturities, lines of credit with other financial institutions including the Federal Home Loan Bank, and growth in core deposits. While scheduled loan amortization, maturing securities and short-term investments are a relatively predictable source of funds, deposit flows and loan and mortgage-backed securities prepayments are greatly influenced by general interest rates, economic conditions and competition. The Bank adjusts its liquidity levels as appropriate to meet funding needs such as seasonal deposit outflows, loans, and asset and liability management objectives. Historically, the Bank has relied on its deposit base, drawn through its full-service branches that serve its market area, as its principal source of funding. The Bank seeks to retain existing deposits and loans and maintain customer relationships by offering quality service and competitive interest rates to its customers, while managing the overall cost of funds needed to finance its strategies. The Bank's Asset/Liability and Funds Management Policy allows for wholesale borrowings of up to 25% of total assets. At March 31, 2006, the Bank had aggregate lines of credit of \$47,000,000 with unaffiliated correspondent banks to provide short-term credit for liquidity requirements. Of these aggregate lines of credit, \$27,000,000 is available on an unsecured basis. The Bank also has the ability, as a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB") system, to borrow against unencumbered residential mortgages owned by the Bank. The Bank also has a master repurchase agreement with the FHLB, which increases its borrowing capacity. In addition, the Bank has an approved broker relationship for the purpose of issuing brokered certificates of deposit. As of March 31, 2006, the amount of overnight borrowings was \$8,900,000.

Management continually monitors the liquidity position and believes that sufficient liquidity exists to meet all of our operating requirements. Based on the objectives determined by the Asset and Liability Committee, the Bank's liquidity levels may be affected by the use of short-term and wholesale borrowings. The Asset and Liability Committee is comprised of members of senior management and the Board. Excess short-term liquidity is invested in overnight federal funds sold.

### ***Capital Resources***

The Company and the Bank are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the federal banking agencies. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can result in certain mandatory and possibly additional discretionary actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on the Company's and the Bank's financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, the Company and the Bank must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of the Company's and Bank's assets, liabilities, and certain off-balance sheet items calculated under regulatory accounting practices. The Company's and Bank's capital amounts and classification also are subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings, and other factors.

Quantitative measures established by regulation to ensure capital adequacy require the Company and the Bank to maintain minimum amounts and ratios (set forth in the following table) of total and Tier 1 capital (as defined in the regulations) to risk weighted assets (as defined), and of Tier 1 capital (as defined) to average assets (as defined). Management believes, as of March 31, 2006, that the Company and the Bank meet all capital adequacy requirements with which it must comply.

The Company's only activity is the ownership of the Bank, and therefore, its capital, capital ratios, and minimum required levels of capital are substantially the same as the Bank's. At March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, actual capital levels and minimum required levels for the Bank were as follows:

| (In thousands)                                  | Actual           |              | For Capital Adequacy Purposes |                 | To Be Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions |                  |
|---|------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--|------------------|
|   | Amount           | Ratio        | Amount                        | Ratio           | Amount   | Ratio            |
| <b>As of March 31, 2006</b>                     |                  |              |                               |                 |  |                  |
| <b>Total Capital (to risk weighted assets)</b>  | <b>\$ 51,467</b> | <b>14.1%</b> | <b>\$ 29,311</b>              | <b>&gt;8.0%</b> | <b>\$ 36,639</b>   | <b>&gt;10.0%</b> |
| <b>Tier 1 Capital (to risk weighted assets)</b> | <b>49,088</b>    | <b>13.4</b>  | <b>14,655</b>                 | <b>&gt;4.0</b>  | <b>21,983</b>  | <b>&gt;6.0</b>   |
| <b>Tier 1 Capital (to average assets)</b>       | <b>49,088</b>    | <b>9.3</b>   | <b>21,199</b>                 | <b>&gt;4.0</b>  | <b>26,498</b>  | <b>&gt;5.0</b>   |
| <b>As of December 31, 2005</b>                  |                  |              |                               |                 |  |                  |
| <b>Total Capital (to risk weighted assets)</b>  | <b>\$ 51,234</b> | <b>14.0%</b> | <b>\$ 29,392</b>              | <b>&gt;8.0%</b> | <b>\$ 35,805</b>   | <b>&gt;10.0%</b> |
| <b>Tier 1 Capital (to risk weighted assets)</b> | <b>48,851</b>    | <b>13.3%</b> | <b>14,696</b>                 | <b>&gt;4.0%</b> | <b>21,483</b>  | <b>&gt; 6.0%</b> |
| <b>Tier 1 Capital (to average assets)</b>       | <b>48,851</b>    | <b>9.0%</b>  | <b>21,658</b>                 | <b>&gt;4.0%</b> | <b>27,073</b>  | <b>&gt; 5.0%</b> |

### ***Impact of Inflation and Changing Prices***

The unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements and notes thereto presented herein have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, which require the measurement of financial position and operating results in terms of historical dollars without considering changes in the relative purchasing power of money over time due to inflation. The primary effect of inflation on the operations of the Company is reflected in increased operating costs. Unlike most industrial companies, virtually all of the assets and liabilities of a financial institution are monetary in nature. As a result, changes in interest rates have a more significant effect on the performance of a financial institution than do the effects of changes in the general rate of inflation and changes in prices. Changes in interest rates could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition. Interest rates do not necessarily move in the same direction, or in the same magnitude, as the prices of goods and services. Interest rates are highly sensitive to many factors, which are beyond the control of the Company, including the influence of domestic and foreign economic conditions and the monetary and fiscal policies of the United States government and federal agencies, particularly the Federal Reserve Bank.

### ***Recent Regulatory and Accounting Developments***

In February 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 155, "Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments — An Amendment of FASB Statement No. 133 and 140" ("SFAS 155"). SFAS 155 simplifies the accounting for certain hybrid financial instruments that contain an embedded derivative that otherwise would have required bifurcation. SFAS 155

also eliminates the interim guidance in FASB Statement No. 133, which provides that beneficial interest in securitized financial assets are not subject to the provisions of FASB Statement No. 133. SFAS 155 is effective for all financial instruments acquired or issued after the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after September 15, 2006, which for the Company will be as of the beginning of fiscal 2007. The Company does not believe that the adoption of SFAS 155 will have a significant effect on its financial statements as the Company does not have any hybrid financial instruments at this time.

In March 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 156, "*Accounting for Servicing of Financial Assets — An Amendment of FASB Statement No. 140*" ("SFAS 156"). SFAS 156 requires that all separately recognized servicing assets and servicing liabilities be initially measured at fair value, if practicable. The statement permits, but does not require, the subsequent measurement of servicing assets and servicing liabilities at fair value. SFAS 156 is effective as of the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after September 15, 2006. The Company does not believe that the adoption of SFAS 156 will have a significant effect on its financial statements as the Company does not have servicing assets/liabilities at this time.

In February 2006, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position No. FAS 123(R)-4, “*Classification of Options and Similar Instruments Issued as Employee Compensation That Allow for Cash Settlement upon the Occurrence of a Contingent Event.*” This position amends SFAS 123R to incorporate that a cash settlement feature that can be exercised only upon the occurrence of a contingent event that is outside the employee’s control does not meet certain conditions in SFAS 123R until it becomes probable that the event will occur. The guidance in this FASB Staff Position shall be applied upon initial adoption of SFAS 123R and had no effect on the financial statements.

### Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

#### *Asset/Liability Management*

Management considers interest rate risk to be the most significant market risk for the Company. Market risk is the risk of loss from adverse changes in market prices and rates. Interest rate risk is the exposure to adverse changes in the net income of the Company as a result of changes in interest rates.

The Company’s primary earnings source is net interest income, which is affected by changes in the level of interest rates, the relationship between rates, the impact of interest rate fluctuations on asset prepayments, the level and composition of deposits and liabilities, and the credit quality of earning assets. The Company’s objectives in its asset and liability management are to maintain a strong, stable net interest margin, to utilize its capital effectively without taking undue risks, to maintain adequate liquidity, and to reduce vulnerability of its operations to changes in interest rates.

The Company’s Asset and Liability Committee evaluates periodically, but at least four times a year, the impact of changes in market interest rates on assets and liabilities, net interest margin, capital and liquidity. Risk assessments are governed by policies and limits established by senior management, which are reviewed and approved by the full Board of Directors at least annually. The economic environment continually presents uncertainties as to future interest rate trends. The Asset and Liability Committee regularly utilizes a model that projects net interest income based on increasing or decreasing interest rates, in order to be better able to respond to changes in interest rates.

The Company utilizes the results of a detailed and dynamic simulation model to quantify the estimated exposure to net interest income to sustained interest rate changes. Management routinely monitors simulated net interest income sensitivity over a rolling two-year horizon. The simulation model captures the impact of changing interest rates on the interest income received and the interest expense paid on all assets and liabilities reflected on the Company’s Statement of Condition. This sensitivity analysis is compared to the asset and liability policy limits that specify a maximum tolerance level for net interest income exposure over a one-year horizon given both a 200 basis point upward and downward shift in interest rates. A parallel and pro rata shift in rates over a twelve-month period is assumed. The following reflects the Company’s net interest income sensitivity analysis:

| Change in<br>Interest<br>Rates in Basis<br>Points<br>(RATE<br>SHOCK)<br>(In thousands) | March 31, 2006   |         | December 31, 2005 |         |
|--|------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
|  | Potential Change |         | Potential Change  |         |
|  | in Net           |         | in Net            |         |
|  | Interest Income  |         | Interest Income   |         |
|  | \$               | %       | \$                | %       |
|  | Change           | Change  | Change            | Change  |
| 200  | \$ (1,403)       | (5.75)% | \$ (1,620)        | (6.16)% |
| Static   | -                | -       | -                 | -       |

|       |    |     |       |    |       |         |
|-------|----|-----|-------|----|-------|---------|
| (200) | \$ | 189 | 0.77% | \$ | (438) | (1.67)% |
|-------|----|-----|-------|----|-------|---------|

The preceding sensitivity analysis does not represent a Company forecast and should not be relied upon as being indicative of expected operating results. These hypothetical estimates are based upon numerous assumptions including, but not limited to, the nature and timing of interest rate levels and yield curve shapes, prepayments on loans and securities, deposit decay rates, pricing decisions on loans and deposits, and reinvestment and replacement of asset and liability cash flows. While assumptions are developed based upon perceived current economic and local market conditions, the Company cannot make any assurances as to the predictive nature of these assumptions including how customer preferences or competitor influences may change.

Also, as market conditions vary from those assumed in the sensitivity analysis, actual results will also differ due to prepayment and refinancing levels likely deviating from those assumed, the varying impact of interest rate change caps

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or floors on adjustable rate assets, the potential effect of changing debt service levels on customers with adjustable rate loans, depositor early withdrawals, prepayment penalties and product preference changes and other internal and external variables. Furthermore, the sensitivity analysis does not reflect actions that management might take in responding to, or anticipating changes in interest rates and market conditions.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

An evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) promulgated under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as of March 31, 2006. Based on that evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report. There has been no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION****Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

None.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

There have been no material changes to the factors disclosed in Item 1A., Risk Factors, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005.

**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) The following information is provided regarding the repurchase of shares of the Company's common stock during the quarter:

| Period        | Total Number of Shares Purchased in Month | Average Price Paid per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs-2004 <sup>(1)</sup> | Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs |
|---------------|---|------------------------------|--|--|
| January 2006  | 3,055                                     | \$24.50                      | 100,481  | 80,329   |
| February 2006 | 3,820                                     | \$25.02                      | 104,301  | 76,509   |
| March 2006    | 8,500                                     | \$25.96                      | 112,801  | 68,009   |

(1) The Board of Directors reaffirmed the stock repurchase program on May 17, 2004.

- The Board of Directors approved repurchase of shares up to 180,810 shares.
- There is no expiration date for the stock repurchase plan.
- There is no stock repurchase plan that has expired nor been terminated during the period ended March 31, 2005. On March 27, 2006, the Board of Directors approved a new stock repurchase program that brings the number of shares authorized for repurchase to 309,000 or approximately 5% of its total issued and



outstanding common shares.

***Item 3. Defaults upon Senior Securities***

Not applicable.

***Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders***

Not applicable.

***Item 5. Other Information***

Not applicable.

***Item 6. Exhibits***

31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)

31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)

32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(b) and 18 U.S.C. Section 1350

SIGNATURES

In accordance with the requirement of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BRIDGE  
BANCORP,  
INC.  
Registrant

May 9, 2006      /s/ Thomas J.  
Tobin  
Thomas J.  
Tobin  
President and  
Chief  
Executive  
Officer

May 9, 2006      /s/ Janet T.  
Verneuille  
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Senior Vice  
President,  
Chief Financial  
Officer  
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