

INDEPENDENT BANK CORP /MI/  
Form 8-K  
February 01, 2017

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: January 24, 2017

INDEPENDENT BANK CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as  
specified in its charter)

Michigan 0-7818 38-2032782  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

4200 East Beltline 49525  
Grand Rapids, Michigan (Zip Code)  
(Address of principal executive office)

Registrant's telephone number,  
including area code:  
(616) 527-5820

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

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

(e) Effective January 24, 2017, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Independent Bank Corporation (the "Company") recommended, and the Board approved, the grant of long-term incentive awards (in the amounts set forth below), under the Company's Long Term Incentive Plan, to each of the Company's NEOs. One half of the Long-Term Awards were made in the form of restricted stock grants, of the type previously awarded by the Company, with vesting to occur on the third anniversary of the grant date, and the other half in the form of performance share unit awards ("PSUs"). The number of shares of restricted stock and PSU's are based upon each officer's respective target award amounts (equal to 50% of 2016 base salary for our CEO and 40% of 2016 base salary for each other NEO) divided by our closing stock price on the grant date (\$20.90). The number of shares of Company stock that may be issued under the PSUs will be based upon the Company's three-year total shareholder return (beginning on the grant date), as measured against the total shareholder return of a peer group of other financial institutions.

| <u>Named Executive</u> | <u>Number of Shares<br/>of Restricted Stock</u> | <u>Number of<br/>Performance<br/>Units</u> |
|------------------------|---|--|
| William B. Kessel      | 5,442   | 5,442                                      |
| Robert N. Shuster      | 2,416   | 2,416                                      |
| Dennis J. Mack         | 2,359   | 2,359                                      |
| David C. Reglin        | 2,331   | 2,331                                      |
| Stefanie M. Kimball    | 2,358   | 2,358                                      |

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SIGNATURE

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

INDEPENDENT BANK  
CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

Date: February 1, 2017 By /s/ Robert N. Shuster  
Robert N. Shuster  
Its: Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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