LIFEWAY FOODS INC

Form 4

September 23, 2008

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **SMOLYANSKY EDWARD**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

LIFEWAY FOODS INC [LWAY] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Month/Day/Year)

09/18/2008

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title

below)

Other (specify

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

(Street)

(First)

(Middle)

CFO, Treasurer

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

MORTON GROVE, IL 60053

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

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(9-02)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common stock, no

par value

09/18/2008

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\$ 12 394,255

D

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	s I	ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	t of ying es	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SMOLYANSKY EDWARD C/O LIFEWAY FOODS, INC. 6431 W OAKTON STREET MORTON GROVE, IL 60053

CFO, Treasurer

Signatures

/s/ Edward

Smolyansky 09/22/2008 Date

**Signature of Reporting

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