LIFEWAY FOODS INC

Form 4

September 24, 2008

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMOLYANSKY LUDMILA

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

LIFEWAY FOODS INC [LWAY]

Issuer

below)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

09/18/2008

_X__ Director Officer (give title _X__ 10% Owner __ Other (specify

C/O LIFEWAY FOODS, INC., 6431

(Street)

W. OAKTON STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Applicable Line)

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

MORTON GROVE, IL 60053

| (City) | (State) (| Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | rities Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------|---|-------|--|--|------------------|----------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | (moure une r) | | |
| stock, no par value | 09/18/2008 | | S | 5,031 | D | \$ 12 | 7,540,323 | D | |
| Common stock, no par value | 09/19/2008 | | S | 3,495 | D | \$ 12.28 | 7,536,828 | D | |
| Common stock, no par value | 09/22/2008 | | S | 908 | D | \$ 12.4 | 7,535,920 | D | |
| Common stock, no | 09/24/2008 | | S | 566 | D | \$ 12 | 7,535,354 | D | |

par value

Common stock, no par value 5,000 I Footnote $\frac{(1)}{(1)}$

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

| 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) | 4. Transact Code (Instr. 8) | 5. ionNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | S | ate | 7. Title Amou Under Securi (Instr. | nt of lying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------|--|--|---|
| | | | | Code V | / (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| reporting 6 wher runner runners | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| SMOLYANSKY LUDMILA | | | | | | |
| C/O LIFEWAY FOODS, INC. | X | X | | | | |
| 6431 W. OAKTON STREET | Λ | Λ | | | | |
| MORTON GROVE, IL 60053 | | | | | | |

Signatures

By: /s/ Ludmila
Smolyansky

**Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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(1) These shares are held in The Smolyansky Family Foundation, of which Ludmila Smolyansky is a trustee.

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