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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Cavallaro Frank A.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

REPUBLIC FIRST BANCORP INC

(Check all applicable)

[FRBK]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

(State)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title

(Month/Day/Year)

below) 03/13/2013

below) Chief Financial Officer

50 S. 16TH STREET, SUITE 2400

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

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Person

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

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102

(City)

(Instr. 3)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Transaction(s)

Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T)

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

or Disposed of

(D) Date

(D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V

(A)

Expiration Exercisable Date

Title

Amount or Number of Shares

Option to

Purchase Common

Stock

\$ 2.69 03/13/2013

12,000 A

03/13/2017 03/13/2023

Common Stock

12,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Cavallaro Frank A. **50 S. 16TH STREET SUITE 2400** PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Frank A. Cavallaro

03/15/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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