

TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORP  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **October 29, 2008**

**Tompkins Financial Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>New York</b>	<b>1-12709</b>	<b>16-1482357</b>
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
<b>The Commons, PO Box 460, Ithaca, New York</b>		<b>14851</b>
(Address of Principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(607) 273-3210**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On October 29, 2008, the Company issued a press release announcing that on October 28, 2008, its Board of Directors approved payment of a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.34 per share, payable on November 14, 2008, to common shareholders of record on November 7, 2008. A copy of the press release is attached to this Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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99.1	Press Release of Tompkins Financial Corporation dated October 29, 2008 <b>SIGNATURE</b>
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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 hereunto duly authorized.

**TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

Date: October 29, 2008

By: /s/ Stephen S. Romaine

Stephen S. Romaine  
President and CEO

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