### SMOLYANSKY LUDMILA

Form 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* SMOLYANSKY LUDMILA

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

LIFEWAY FOODS INC [LWAY]

(Check all applicable)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_\_ Director

\_X\_\_ 10% Owner

C/O LIFEWAY FOODS, INC., 6431

12/18/2017

Officer (give title below)

\_ Other (specify

**OAKTON STREET** 

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Form filed by More than One Reporting

MORTON GROVE, IL 60053

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Noi	n-De	erivative S	ecuri	ies 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)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following Reported (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock, no par value	12/18/2017		S		856	D	\$ 8.03	6,738,168	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock, no par value	12/20/2017		S		109	D	\$ 7.58	6,738,059	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock, no par value	12/21/2017		S		500	D	\$ 7.8	6,737,559	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock, no	12/21/2017		G	V	1,797	D	\$0	6,735,762	I	See footnote (1)

par value									
Common Stock, no par value	12/21/2017	G	V	898	D	\$0	6,734,864	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock, no par value	12/21/2017	G	V	898	D	\$0	6,733,966	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock, no par value	12/21/2017	G	V	10,000	D	\$0	6,723,966	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock, no par value	12/21/2017	G	V	10,000	A	\$0	27,343	Ι	See footnote (2)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transac	ctionNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	<ol><li>Derivativ</li></ol>	re		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities	S		(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									A	
									Amount	
						Date	Expiration		or	
						Exercisable Date	Date	Title Number		
				G 1					of	
				Code	V (A) (D)				Shares	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SMOLYANSKY LUDMILA C/O LIFEWAY FOODS, INC. 6431 OAKTON STREET MORTON GROVE, IL 60053	X	X					

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# **Signatures**

/s/ Ludmila Smolyansky

12/26/2017

\*\*Signature of Reporting

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).
- (1) Held by the Ludmila Smolyansky Trust 2/1/05, of which Ludmila Smolyansky is the trustee
- (2) Held by The Smolyansky Family Foundation, of which Ludmila Smolyansky is the trustee.

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