

DONAHUE BRIAN D  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DONAHUE BRIAN D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM INC [CBU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
229 CAROLINA STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/26/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Banking Officer

OLEAN, NY 14760  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	02/26/2010		M		2,606 A \$ 12.375	22,352	D
Common Stock	02/26/2010		S		2,606 D \$ 22.5106	19,746	D
Common Stock	03/01/2010		M		5,394 A \$ 12.375	25,140	D
Common Stock	03/01/2010		S		5,394 D \$ 22.4672	19,746	D
Common Stock						5,946.6222 (1)	I By 401(k) Plan

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 12.375	02/26/2010		M	2,606	10/01/2003 01/01/2011	Common Stock	2,606
Stock Option	\$ 12.375	03/01/2010		M	5,394	10/01/2003 01/01/2011	Common Stock	5,394

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DONAHUE BRIAN D  
229 CAROLINA STREET  
OLEAN, NY 14760

Chief Banking Officer

## Signatures

/s/ Donna J. Drengel, as attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a power of attorney for Brian D. Donahue

03/02/2010

\_\_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).

(1) The number of shares reported herein is based on a current plan statement.

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