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): March 14, 2018

CHERRY HILL MORTGAGE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-36099 Commission File Number: 461315605 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1451 Route 34, Suite 303 Farmingdale, NJ 07727 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

877.870.7005

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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: |
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| Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter). |
| Emerging growth company ☑ |
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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On March 14, 2018, Cherry Hill Mortgage Investment Corporation (the "Company") reported its book value at December 31, 2017.

On March 16, 2018, the Company reported its results of operations for the three months ended December 31, 2017. A copy of the press releases are furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibits attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits:
- 99.1 Press release, dated March 14, 2018.
- 99.2 Press release, dated March 16, 2018.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

CHERRY HILL MORTGAGE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

By: /s/ Martin J. Levine

Martin J. Levine Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 16, 2018

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit <u>Number</u>

Description

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CHERRY HILL MORTGAGE INVESTMENT CORPORATION PROVIDES UPDATE ON FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL YEAR 2017 RESULTS

MOORESTOWN, NJ – March 14, 2018 — Cherry Hill Mortgage Investment Corporation (NYSE: CHMI) ("Cherry Hill" or the "Company") today provided an update on its fourth quarter and full year 2017 results.

The Company is currently completing an evaluation of its amortization methodology process. As a result, the Company is delaying its conference call initially scheduled for today while it completes the work. Cherry Hill expects to file full results and its Form 10-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission as soon as possible and will reschedule its call at that time.

Preliminary Fourth Quarter 2017 Highlights

- · Book value of \$20.44 per share at December 31, 2017, a 1.9% increase from September 30, 2017, net of the Company's fourth quarter dividend
- · Acquired over \$2 billion in conventional MSRs
- · Declared regular common dividend of \$0.49 per share; annualized common dividend yield at market close was 11.6% at March 12, 2018
- · Aggregate portfolio leverage stood at 5.3x at December 31, 2017

About Cherry Hill Mortgage Investment Corporation

Cherry Hill Mortgage Investment Corporation is a real estate finance company that acquires, invests in and manages residential mortgage assets in the United States. For additional information, visit www.chmireit.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and other federal securities laws, including, among others, statements relating to the Company's long-term growth opportunities and strategies, expand its market opportunities and create its own Excess MSRs and its ability to generate sustainable and attractive risk-adjusted returns for stockholders. These forward looking statements are based upon the Company's present expectations, but these statements are not guaranteed to occur. For a description of factors that may cause the Company's actual results or performance to differ from its forward-looking statements, please review the information under the heading "Risk Factors" included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, and other documents filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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CHERRY HILL MORTGAGE INVESTMENT CORPORATION ANNOUNCES FOURTH QUARTER 2017 RESULTS

MOORESTOWN, NJ – **March 16, 2018** — Cherry Hill Mortgage Investment Corporation (NYSE: CHMI) ("Cherry Hill" or the "Company") today reported results for the fourth quarter of 2017.

- · Fourth Quarter 2017 Highlights GAAP net income applicable to common stockholders of \$18.7 million, or \$1.47 per diluted share
- · Core earnings attributable to common stockholders of \$7.3 million, or \$0.57 per share
- Book value of \$20.44 per share at December 31, 2017, a 1.9% increase from September 30, 2017, net of the Company's fourth quarter dividend
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"We closed 2017 with a strong fourth quarter, and were pleased overall with our performance during the year," said Jay Lown, President of Cherry Hill Mortgage Investment Corporation. "With further rate increases expected in 2018, we are focused on executing our MSR strategy to take advantage of the opportunities presented by the rising interest rate environment."

Operating Results

Cherry Hill reported GAAP net income applicable to common stockholders for the fourth quarter of 2017 of \$18.7 million, or \$1.47 per basic and diluted weighted average common share outstanding. The reported GAAP net income was determined based primarily on the following: \$7.0 million of net interest income, \$5.7 million of net servicing income, a net realized loss of \$1.3 million on derivatives, a net unrealized gain of \$8.4 million on the MSR portfolio and general and administrative expenses and management fees paid to Cherry Hill's external manager in the aggregate amount of \$2.2 million.

Core earnings attributable to common stockholders for the fourth quarter of 2017 were \$7.3 million, or \$0.57 per basic and diluted weighted average common share outstanding. For a reconciliation of GAAP net income to non-GAAP core earnings, please refer to the reconciliation table accompanying this release

| | Thr | Three Months Ended December 31, | | | |
|--|-----|---------------------------------|----|-----------|--|
| | | 2017 | | 2016 | |
| Income | | | | | |
| Interest income | \$ | 14,037 | \$ | 11,242 | |
| Interest expense | | 7,062 | | 2,389 | |
| Net interest income | | 6,975 | | 8,853 | |
| Servicing fee income | | 7,660 | | 2,145 | |
| Servicing costs | | 1,939 | | 1,018 | |
| Net servicing income | | 5,721 | | 1,127 | |
| Other income (loss) | | | | | |
| Realized gain (loss) on RMBS, net | | (1) | | 74 | |
| Realized gain on investments in Excess MSRs, net | | - | | 1,520 | |
| Realized gain (loss) on derivatives, net | | (1,260) | | (4,056) | |
| Unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives, net | | 8,447 | | 15,307 | |
| Unrealized gain (loss) on investments in Excess MSRs | | - | | 2,588 | |
| Unrealized gain (loss) on investments in MSRs | | 3,688 | | 3,870 | |
| Total Income | | 23,570 | | 29,283 | |
| Expenses | | | | | |
| General and administrative expense | | 849 | | 790 | |
| Management fee to affiliate | | 1,345 | | 764 | |
| Total Expenses | | 2,194 | | 1,554 | |
| Income Before Income Taxes | | 21,376 | | 27,729 | |
| (Benefit from) provision for corporate business taxes | | 1,143 | | 1,127 | |
| Net Income | | 20,233 | | 26,602 | |
| Net (income) loss allocated to noncontrolling interests in Operating Partnership | | (269) | | (432) | |
| Dividends on preferred stock | | 1,240 | | - | |
| Net Income Applicable to Common Stockholders | \$ | 18,724 | \$ | 26,170 | |
| Net income Per Share of Common Stock | | | | | |
| Basic | \$ | 1.47 | \$ | 3.48 | |
| Diluted | \$ | 1.47 | \$ | 3.48 | |
| Weighted Average Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding | | | | | |
| Basic | | 12,713,265 | | 7,519,038 | |
| Diluted | | 12,721,464 | | 7,525,348 | |

Unaudited. Dollar amounts in thousands, except per share amounts. Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to current period presentation.

Net unrealized loss on the Company's RMBS portfolio for the fourth quarter 2017 was approximately \$7.7 million.

| | Three | Three Months Ended December 31, | | | |
|--|-------|---------------------------------|----|----------|--|
| | | 2017 | | 2016 | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ | 20,233 | \$ | 26,602 | |
| Other comprehensive income (loss): | | | | | |
| Net unrealized gain on RMBS | | (7,683) | | (18,289) | |
| Reclassification of net realized (gain) loss on RMBS included in earnings | | 1 | | (74) | |
| Other comprehensive income | | (7,682) | | (18,363) | |
| Comprehensive income | \$ | 12,551 | \$ | 8,239 | |
| Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests in Operating Partnership | | 161 | | 142 | |
| Dividends on preferred stock | | 1,240 | | - | |
| Comprehensive income attributable to common stockholders | \$ | 11,150 | \$ | 8,097 | |

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Portfolio Highlights for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2017

The Company realized servicing fee income of \$7.7 million from its MSR portfolio, interest income of \$14.0 million from its RMBS portfolio and other income of \$10.9 million primarily related to unrealized gains on derivatives. The unpaid principal balance for the MSR portfolio stood at \$11.7 billion as of December 31, 2017 and the carrying value of the MSR portfolio ended the quarter at \$122.8 million. Net interest spread for the RMBS portfolio stood at 1.27% and the debt-to-equity ratio on the aggregate portfolio ended the quarter at 5.3x.

The RMBS portfolio had both book and carrying values of approximately \$1.8 billion at quarter end December 31, 2017. The portfolio had a weighted average coupon of 3.9% and weighted average maturity of 25 years.

In order to mitigate duration risk and interest rate risk associated with the Company's RMBS, Cherry Hill used interest rate swaps, swaptions and TBAs. At quarter end December 31, 2017, the Company held interest rate swaps with a notional amount of \$1.1 billion, swaptions with a notional amount of \$155.0 million and TBAs with a notional amount of \$26.9 million.

As of December 31, 2017, Cherry Hill's GAAP book value was \$20.44 per diluted share, a 1.9% increase, net of the fourth quarter dividend, from book value per share of \$20.05 as of September 30, 2017.

Dividends

On December 7, 2017, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.49 per share of common stock for the fourth quarter of 2017. The dividend was paid in cash on January 30, 2018 to common stockholders of record as of the close of business on December 29, 2017. Additionally, the Board of Directors declared a dividend of \$0.5125 per share on the Company's 8.20% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock for the fourth quarter of 2017. The dividend was paid in cash on January 16, 2018 to preferred stockholders of record as of the close of business on December 29, 2017.

Core Earnings

Core earnings is a non-GAAP financial measure and is defined by the Company as GAAP net income (loss) applicable to common stockholders, excluding realized gain (loss) on RMBS, realized and unrealized (gain) loss on investments in Excess MSRs and MSRs, realized and unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives, and changes in fair value of MSRs primarily due to realization of expected cashflows (runoff). Core earnings is adjusted to exclude outstanding LTIP-OP units in the Company's Operating Partnership and dividends paid on preferred stock. Additionally, core earnings excludes (i) any tax (benefit) expense on unrealized (gain) loss on MSRs and (ii) any estimated catch up premium amortization (benefit) cost due to the use of current rather than historical estimates of constant prepayment rates for amortization of Excess MSRs. Core earnings include yield maintenance payments received in connection with the sale of the Company's Excess MSRs. Core earnings are provided for purposes of comparability to other issuers that invest in residential mortgage-related assets. The Company believes providing investors with core earnings, in addition to related GAAP financial measures, gives investors greater transparency into the Company's ongoing operational performance. The concept of core earnings does have significant limitations, including the exclusion of realized and unrealized gains (losses), and may not be comparable to similarly-titled measures of other peers, which may use different calculations. As a result, core earnings should not be considered a substitute for the Company's GAAP net income (loss) or as a measure of the Company's liquidity.

The following table provides a reconciliation of net income to core earnings for the three months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016:

| | Three M | Three Months Ended December 31, | | | |
|---|---------|---------------------------------|----|---------------------|--|
| | 20 | 17 | | 2016 ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ | 20,233 | \$ | 26,602 | |
| Realized (gain) loss on RMBS, net | | 1 | | (74) | |
| Realized (gain) loss on investments in Excess MSRs, net | | - | | (1,520) | |
| Realized loss on derivatives, net | | 1,260 | | 4,056 | |
| Unrealized (gain) loss on derivatives, net | | (8,447) | | (15,307) | |
| Unrealized (gain) loss on investments in Excess MSRs | | - | | (2,588) | |
| Unrealized (gain) loss on investments in MSRs | | (3,688) | | (3,870) | |
| Tax (benefit) expense on unrealized (gain) loss on MSRs | | 1,487 | | 1,486 | |
| Estimated 'catch up' premium amortization cost | | 2,245 | | (4,130) | |
| Changes due to realization of expected cash flows | | (4,935) | | (1,219) | |
| Reversal of loss on acquired assets, net | | - | | 244 | |
| Yield maintenance income | | 500 | | 250 | |
| Total core earnings: | \$ | 8,656 | \$ | 3,930 | |
| Core earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests in Operating Partnership | | (113) | | (73) | |
| Dividends on preferred stock | | 1,240 | | _ | |
| Core Earnings Attributable to Common Stockholders | \$ | 7,303 | \$ | 3,857 | |
| Core Earnings Attributable to Common Stockholders, per Share | \$ | 0.57 | \$ | 0.51 | |
| GAAP Net income (Loss) Per Share of Common Stock | \$ | 1.47 | \$ | 3.48 | |

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⁽¹⁾ In 4Q 2016 the Company refined its method of calculating amortization of its MSRs to reflect expected cashflows (runoff) from the portfolio.

Additional Information

Additional information regarding Cherry Hill's financial condition and results of operations can be found in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 16, 2018. In addition, an investor presentation with supplemental information regarding Cherry Hill, its business and its financial condition as of December 31, 2017 and its results of operations for the fourth quarter of 2017 has been posted to the Investor Relations section of Cherry Hill's website, www.chmireit.com. Cherry Hill will discuss the investor presentation on the conference call referenced below.

Webcast and Conference Call

The Company's management will host a conference call today at 8:30 A.M. Eastern Time. A copy of this earnings release and the investor presentation referenced above will be posted to the Investor Relations section of Cherry Hill's website, www.chmireit.com. All interested parties are welcome to participate on the live call. A simultaneous webcast of the conference call will be available to the public on a listen-only basis at www.chmireit.com. Please allow extra time prior to the call to visit the site and download any necessary software required to listen to the webcast.

The conference call may be accessed by dialing 1-877-407-9716 (from within the U.S.) or 1-201-493-6779 (from outside of the U.S.) ten minutes prior to the scheduled start of the call; please reference "Cherry Hill Fourth Quarter 2017 Earnings Call."

A telephonic replay of the conference call will also be available two hours following the completion of the call through 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time on April 16, 2018 by dialing 1-844-512-2921 (from within the U.S.) or 1-412-317-6671 (from outside of the U.S.); please reference access code "13677818."

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