### COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC.

Form 5

January 27, 2017

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| FORM 5   |                                      |   |            |  |  |        |  | OMB APPROVAL   |  |  |  |  |
| UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION   |                                      |   |            |  |  |        |  |  | OMB<br>Number:   | 3235-0362                                      |  |  |
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| to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.  ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES   |                                      |   |            |  |  |        | EFICIAL  | Estimated average burden hours per response 1.0          |  |  |  |  |
| See Instruction 1(b). Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported Form 4 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Transactions Reported |                                      |   |            |  |  |        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MICHAEL R KALLET   |                                      |   |            | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, |  |        |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer         |  |  |  |  |
|  |                                      |   | INC. [CBU] |  |  |        |  | (Check all applicable)                                   |  |  |  |  |
| (Last)   | (Mon                                 |   |            |  | . Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended<br>Month/Day/Year)<br>2/31/2016                 |        |  |  | _X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |  |  |  |
| C/O COMMUNITY BANK<br>SYSTEM, INC., 5790<br>WIDEWATERS PARKWAY   |                                      |   |            |  |  |        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original  |                                      |   |            |  |  |        |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting                   |  |  |  |  |
| Filed(Month/Day/Year)  |                                      |   |            |  |  |        |  | (check applicable line)                                  |  |  |  |  |
| DEWITT A   | NY 13214                             |   |            |  |  |        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |                                      |   |            |  | _X_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person        |        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (City)   | (State)                              | (Zip)   | Tab        | ole I - Non-De   | rivative Se  | curiti | es Acq   | uired, Disposed of                                       | , or Beneficia   | ally Owned                                     |  |  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)   | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |            | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8)                            | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or Amount (D) Price |        | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned at end of<br>Issuer's Fiscal<br>Year<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)                  |  |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock  | 11/17/2016                           | Â   |            | G  | 21,000   | D      | \$0  | 21,603   | D  | Â  |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock  | Â                                    | Â   |            | Â  | Â  | Â      | Â  | 50,343.6465  | I  | By Oneida<br>Financial<br>Corp.<br>401(k) Plan |  |  |
|  | Â                                    | Â   |            | Â  | Â  | Â      | Â  | 10,250.9263  | I  |  |  |  |

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| Common<br>Stock |   |           |  |   |   |   |       |   | By Oneida<br>Financial<br>Corp.<br>Employee<br>Stock<br>Ownership<br>Plan |
|-----------------|---|-----------|--|---|---|---|-------|---|---|
| Common<br>Stock | Â   | Â         | Â  | Â | Â | Â | 5,606 | I | By Trust<br>under Will  |
| Common<br>Stock | Â   | Â         | Â  | Â | Â | Â | 8,759 | I | By Wife   |
| Common<br>Stock | Â   | Â         | Â  | Â | Â | Â | 1,988 | I | By IRA  |
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| Derivative Security                         | 2. Conversion                                     | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction  | 5.<br>Number  | 6. Date Exerc<br>Expiration D |                    | Underlying Securities |                                  |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| (Instr. 3)                                  | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month Day, Tear)                    | (Month/Day/Year)              | Code (Instr. 8) | of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year)              |                    | (Instr. 3 and 4)      |                                  |
|   |   |                                      |                               |                 | (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable           | Expiration<br>Date | Title                 | Amount of<br>Number of<br>Shares |
| Phantom Stock<br>(Deferred<br>Compensation) | Â   | Â                                    | Â                             | Â               | Â   | (1)                           | (1)                | Common<br>Stock       | 1,233.1                          |

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                          | Relationships |           |         |      |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|------|--|--|--|
| . 9   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Othe |  |  |  |
| MICHAEL R KALLET  |               |           |         |      |  |  |  |
| C/O COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC. 5790 WIDEWATERS PARKWAY | ÂX            | Â         | Â       | Â    |  |  |  |
| DEWITT Â NYÂ 13214                                      |               |           |         |      |  |  |  |

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### **Signatures**

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Danielle M. Cima, pursuant to a
Confirming Statement executed by
Michael R. Kallet

01/27/2017

\*\*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).
- Each unit of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock. The units of (1) phantom stock relating to the Deferred Compensation Plan will be settled in Community Bank System, Inc. common stock at future dates
- selected by the reporting person.

  Includes 10.0625 units of phantom stock acquired on January 10, 2017 under the Deferred Compensation Plan's dividend reinvestment

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