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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) January 6, 2005

First Midwest Bancorp, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 0-10967 36-3161078

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

300 Park Boulevard, Suite 405, Itasca, Illinois 60143

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(630) 875-7450

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

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<u>Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers</u>

(b) First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. has a retirement policy that generally requires the members of its Board of Directors to resign on the last day of the year in which he or she attains the age of 70. Effective January 1, 2005, First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. suspended this retirement policy as it applied to Bruce S. Chelberg, Chairman of the First Midwest's Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, to permit him to serve until December 31, 2005.

SIGNATURES

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 thereunto duly authorized.

First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. (Registrant)

Date: January 6, 2005 /s/ STEVEN H. SHAPIRO
Steven H. Shapiro
Executive Vice President

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