

SPIRIT FINANCE CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 16, 2007

**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: **January 9, 2007**

**SPIRIT FINANCE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**01-32386**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**20-0175773**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

**14631 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 200**  
**Scottsdale, Arizona 85254**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(480) 606-0820**

**None**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On January 9, 2007, the Compensation Committee (the "Committee") of the Board of Directors of Spirit Finance Corporation (the "Company") awarded performance bonuses for the 2006 fiscal year and increased the base salaries for the 2007 fiscal year for each of our executive officers (the "Named Executives") who was named in the Summary Compensation Table in the proxy statement for our 2006 annual meeting, which include our principal executive officer and principal financial officer. These actions were taken by the Committee in accordance with the terms of the Amended and Restated Employment Agreements, dated as of October 16, 2006, between the Company and each of the Named Executives. The Committee also granted a total of 440,219 shares of restricted common stock to these officers and other employees of the Company under the Company's Amended and Restated 2003 Stock Option and Incentive Plan. The 2007 base salaries, 2006 performance bonus awards and restricted stock grants for the Named Executives are shown in the table below.

| Name  | 2007 Base Salary | 2006 Performance Bonus | Number of Shares of Restricted Stock Awarded (1) |
|---|------------------|------------------------|--|
| Morton H. Fleischer<br>Chairman of the Board  | \$ 450,000       | \$ 562,500             | 101,135  |
| Christopher H. Volk<br>President and Chief Executive Officer  | \$ 500,000       | \$ 600,000             | 109,225  |
| Catherine Long<br>Chief Financial Officer, Senior Vice President and Treasurer                          | \$ 340,000       | \$ 330,000             | 48,545   |
| Michael T. Bennett<br>Senior Vice President Operations, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary          | \$ 310,000       | \$ 302,500             | 36,410   |
| Jeffrey M. Fleischer<br>Senior Vice President Acquisitions, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer | \$ 310,000       | \$ 302,500             | 36,410   |
| Gregg A. Seibert<br>Senior Vice President Underwriting, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer     | \$ 310,000       | \$ 302,500             | 36,410   |

(1) The restricted shares awarded to the Named Executives vest ratably over a five year period.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

SPIRIT FINANCE CORPORATION

Date: January 16, 2007

By: /s/ Catherine Long  
Catherine Long  
Chief Financial Officer

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