

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP
Form 8-K
November 15, 2011

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): November 11, 2011

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

New Jersey
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

1-11277
(Commission

File Number)

22-2477875
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

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1455 Valley Road, Wayne, New Jersey
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)
(973) 305-8800

07470
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

On November 11, 2011, the Board of Directors (the Board) of Valley National Bancorp (the Company) appointed Peter Crocitto and Alan D. Eskow to the Board. Mr. Crocitto and Mr. Eskow will not serve on any committees of the Board nor will they be entitled to any additional compensation in connection with their service on the Board.

On November 14, 2011, the Company issued a press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Crocitto and Mr. Eskow to its Board. The press release is set forth in its entirety and filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit

99.1 Press Release, dated November 14, 2011.

SIGNATURE

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.

Dated: November 15, 2011

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

By: /s/ Alan D. Eskow
Alan D. Eskow
Senior Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

| No. | Title |
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| 99.1 | Press Release, dated November 14, 2011. |