

Murawski Russell C
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Murawski Russell C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP
 [VLY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1455 VALLEY ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/17/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 FSVP

WAYNE, NJ 07470-
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	11/17/2011		F ⁽²⁾	V	161	D	\$ 11.82 10,910 D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	11/17/2011		F ⁽²⁾	V	242	D	\$ 11.82 10,668 D
Common Stock (401k Plan) <u>(3)</u>							480 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Options	\$ 16.97					11/18/2003 11/18/2012	Common Stock	776
Stock Options	\$ 19.8					11/17/2004 11/17/2013	Common Stock	1,478
Stock Options	\$ 19.88					11/16/2005 11/16/2014	Common Stock	1,408
Stock Options	\$ 18.42					11/14/2006 11/14/2015	Common Stock	2,011
Stock Options	\$ 20.14					11/13/2007 11/13/2016	Common Stock	1,915
Stock Options	\$ 15.68					11/14/2008 11/14/2017	Common Stock	3,889
Stock Options	\$ 14.95					11/17/2009 11/17/2018	Common Stock	2,315

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Murawski Russell C 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-			FSVP	

Signatures

/s/ M. NASETTE ARANDA, AS
ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

11/17/2011

__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).
- (1) Valley National Bancorp declared a 5% stock dividend on April 13, 2011, to shareholders of record on May 6, 2011, payable May 20, 2011.
- (2) Shares withheld for payment of tax liability on restricted stock vesting.
- (3) Holdings under the Valley 401K Plan has been updated to reflect reporting person's balance in the Plan.

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