

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)
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- .. 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**

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Title</b>                            |
|------------|---|
| 99.1       | Press Release, dated November 14, 2011. |