

Murawski Russell C
Form 4
November 26, 2008

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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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)

WAYNE, NJ 07470-

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

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

11/17/2008

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

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

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	11/17/2008		A	Amount 2,000 ⁽²⁾	A \$ 0 6,694	D	
Common Stock (401k Plan)					334	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 (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. Date of Acquisition or Disposition (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	
Stock Options	\$ 17.31	11/17/2008		A		2,000 (3)		11/17/2009 11/17/2018
Stock Options	\$ 19.66							11/18/2003 11/18/2012
Stock Options	\$ 22.92							11/17/2004 11/17/2013
Stock Options	\$ 23.01							11/16/2005 11/16/2014
Stock Options	\$ 21.31							11/14/2006 11/14/2015
Stock Options	\$ 23.32							11/13/2007 11/13/2016
Stock Options	\$ 18.15							11/14/2008 11/14/2017

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

11/26/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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(1) Valley National Bancorp declared a 5% dividend on April 7, 2008, to be issued May 23, 2008 to shareholders of record on May 9, 2008.

(2) Restricted shares granted under the 1999 Long Term Incentive Stock Plan, with five-year equal vesting beginning at grant date.

(3) Granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, exercisable in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.

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