

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP
Form 8-K
December 05, 2013

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): December 5, 2013

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):

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year

(a) On December 5, 2013, the Board of Directors of Valley National Bancorp (Valley) adopted an amendment to Article I, Section 5 of Valley s By-Laws, effective immediately, to provide for a majority vote standard in uncontested elections of directors.

Previously, the By-Laws provided for a plurality vote standard in director elections. Under the amended By-Laws, director nominees will be elected to the Board if they receive more votes for than against their election, in other words if they receive a majority of the votes cast, in uncontested director elections. The plurality vote standard will continue to apply in the case of contested director elections (i.e., in an election in which the number of director nominees exceeds the number of board seats to be filled).

The amended and restated By-Laws and a copy marked to show changes are attached as Exhibits 3.1 and 3.2, respectively. Exhibit 3.1 is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

3.1 By-Laws of the Registrant, as amended and restated effective December 5, 2013.

3.2 Marked By-Laws of the Registrant.

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: December 5, 2013

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

By: /s/ Mitchell L. Crandell
Mitchell L. Crandell
First Senior Vice President &
Chief Accounting Officer

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