#### VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

Form 4

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### FORM 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and A FARRELL   | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP<br>[VLY] |  |  |  |   |              | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to<br>Issuer  (Check all applicable) |                     |  |   |          |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|--------------|---|---------------------|--|---|----------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of (Month/D 1455 VALLEY ROAD 09/19/20 |   |  |  |  |   |              |   |                     | Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) FIRST SR. VICE PRESIDENT  |   |          |  |
|   |   |  |  | If Amendment, Date Original<br>lled(Month/Day/Year)    |   |              |   |                     | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |          |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivation                         |   |  |  |  |   |              | Secur   | ities Acq           |  | f, or Beneficial  | ly Owned |  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                                  | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)  | Transaction Date 2A. Deeme Execution 3 any (Month/Da |  | ned 3. n Date, if Transactio Code Day/Year) (Instr. 8) |   |              | ties A  | cquired<br>d of (D) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                             | of 6. 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect y Form: Direct Beneficial (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) |          |  |
| Common<br>Stock   | 09/19/2007  |  |  | Code V<br>M/K  | V | Amount 5,746 | (D)   | Price \$ 14.73      | 62,224 (2)   | D   |          |  |
| Common<br>Stock   | 09/19/2007  |  |  | F/K  |   | 3,594        | D   | \$<br>23.55         | 58,630   | D   |          |  |

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | Secur<br>Acqu<br>(A) o<br>Dispo | rities ired or osed of : 3, 4, | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------|---|--|
|   |   |                                      |   | Code V                                  | (A)                             | (D)                            | Date<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 14.73  | 09/19/2007                           |   | M/K                                     |                                 | 5,746                          | 10/23/1999   | 10/23/2008         | Common<br>Stock   | 5,746                                  |

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FARRELL ROBERT E 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470

FIRST SR. VICE PRESIDENT

### **Signatures**

/s/Robert E. 09/21/2007 Farrell

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

## **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) Stock Option Exercise
- (2) Valley declared a 5% stock dividend on April 11, 2007, payable May 25, 2007 to shareholders of record on May 11, 2007.

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