

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

Form 4

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FORM 4UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MULLIGAN ROBERT J

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)
02/15/2006

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
FIRST SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

WAYNE, NJ 07470-

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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	02/15/2006		A ⁽¹⁾	500 A \$ 0	50,233 ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock -- (401K Plan)					1,909	D	
Common Stock					755	I	CHILDREN'S OWNERSHIP
Common Stock					805	I	IRA/WIFE
					145	I	

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Common
Stock

Partner - Pende
Investors

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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 15.8952							10/23/1999	10/23/2008	Common Stock	5,025
Stock Option	\$ 16.5905							11/12/2000	11/12/2009	Common Stock	4,787
Stock Option	\$ 18.6571							11/15/2001	11/15/2010	Common Stock	4,559
Stock Option	\$ 21.2095							11/07/2002	11/07/2011	Common Stock	6,973
Stock Option	\$ 22.7524							11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	6,483
Stock Option	\$ 24.68							11/14/2006	11/14/2015	Common Stock	6,000
Stock Option	\$ 26.5333							11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	6,615
Stock Option	\$ 26.6381							11/16/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	6,300
STOCK OPTION/NO	\$ 21.2095							11/07/2001	11/07/2011	COMMON STK.	263

