

LIPKIN GERALD H
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LIPKIN GERALD H

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)
02/09/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, President and CEO

WAYNE, NJ 07470-
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/09/2009	02/12/2009	S	973 ⁽¹⁾ D	\$ 217,438 ⁽³⁾ 13.98	D	
Common Stock					176,723	I	Wife
Common Stock (401k Plan) ⁽²⁾					2,445	D	
Common Stock (with Spouse)					128	D	

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option/NQ	\$ 19.92					02/15/2002 02/15/2012	Common Stock	25,360
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Stock Options	\$ 19.14					03/01/2004 03/01/2013	Common Stock	9,380
Stock Options	\$ 22					02/26/2005 02/26/2014	Common Stock	25,527
Stock Options	\$ 22.04					02/08/2006 02/08/2015	Common Stock	24,311
Stock Options	\$ 20.94					02/15/2007 02/15/2016	Common Stock	28,941
Stock Options	\$ 23.53					02/13/2008 02/13/2017	Common Stock	38,588
Stock Options	\$ 17.81					02/12/2009 02/12/2018	Common Stock	36,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LIPKIN GERALD H 1455 VALLEY ROAD	X		Chairman, President and CEO	

WAYNE, NJ 07470-

Signatures

/s/ GERALD H.

02/10/2009

LIPKIN

__Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

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) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to Rule 144 and Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person. Sales proceeds will be used to pay for income taxes.
- (2) Holdings under the Valley 401K Plan has been updated to reflect reporting officer's balance in the Plan.
- (3) Includes restricted shares granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.

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