

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP
Form 8-K
December 13, 2016

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 8, 2016

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)

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

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On December 13, 2016, Valley National Bancorp (the Company) issued and sold 9,240,000 shares of its common stock, no par value per share, which included 840,000 shares sold upon the exercise of the option to purchase additional shares granted to the underwriter and exercised on December 9, 2016 (the Common Shares) in a registered public offering. The Common Shares were issued and sold pursuant to an underwriting agreement, dated December 8, 2016 (the Underwriting Agreement), between the Company and Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. (the Underwriter). The Underwriting Agreement includes customary representations, warranties and covenants by the Company. The Company also agreed to indemnify the Underwriter against certain liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). The foregoing description of the Underwriting Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Underwriting Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The Company estimates that the net proceeds of the offering, including the shares sold upon the underwriter s exercise of the option to purchase additional shares and after deducting estimated offering expenses, will be approximately \$106.4 million. The Company intends to use the net proceeds from this offering for general corporate purposes, including to supplement the continued growth in the loan portfolio of Valley National Bank, the Company s commercial bank subsidiary.

The Common Shares were registered under the Securities Act pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form S-3ASR (Registration No. 333-202916), filed on March 20, 2015 (the Registration Statement). The issuance and sale of the Common Shares are described in the Company s Prospectus dated March 20, 2015, constituting a part of the Registration Statement, as supplemented by a Prospectus Supplement dated December 8, 2016.

Item 8.01 Other Events

On December 9, 2016, the Company issued a press release on the subject of the pricing of the public offering of the Common Shares. A copy of such press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Exhibits

- 1.1 Underwriting Agreement, dated December 8, 2016, by and between the Company and Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc.
- 5.1 Opinion of Day Pitney LLP regarding the legality of the Common Shares
- 23.1 Consent of Day Pitney LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1 filed herewith)
- 99.1 Press release on the subject of the pricing of the public offering of the Company s Common Shares

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 13, 2016

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

By: /s/ Alan D. Eskow
Alan D. Eskow

Senior Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

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