

MERCANTILE BANK CORP
 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 *
 SULLIVAN THOMAS R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 MERCANTILE BANK CORP
 [MBWM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/19/2015

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)

C/O MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION, 310 LEONARD STREET

(Street)

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

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

GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 11/19/2015 | | M | | 1,653 A \$ 22.8662 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/19/2015 | | S | | 1,653 D \$ 25.14 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/19/2015 | | A | | 1,085 A \$ 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 18,500 | I | by IRA |
| | | | | | | I | by 401K |

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Common Stock 57,520.282
(2)

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 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 27.66 | 11/19/2015 | | A | | 620 | | 11/19/2017 | 11/18/2022 | Common Stock | 620 |
| Employee Stock Option (Common Stock - right to buy) | \$ 22.8662 | 11/19/2015 | | M | | 1,653 | | 06/01/2014 | 11/28/2015 | Common Stock | 1,653 |
| Employee Stock Option (Common Stock - right to buy) | \$ 22 | | | | | | | 06/01/2014 | 11/27/2016 | Common Stock | 1,575 |
| Employee Stock Option (Common Stock - right to buy) | \$ 16 | | | | | | | 06/01/2014 | 12/03/2017 | Common Stock | 7,000 |

buy)

Employee
Stock
Option

(Common \$ 7.8
Stock -
right to
buy)

06/01/2014 11/24/2018

Common
Stock 7,000

Employee
Stock
Option

(right to \$ 22.14
buy)

11/13/2016 11/12/2021

Common
Stock 1,488

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SULLIVAN THOMAS R
C/O MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION
310 LEONARD STREET
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504

Signatures

/s/ Bradley J. Wyatt,
Attorney-in-Fact

11/20/2015

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$25.13 to \$25.16, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Mercantile Bank Corporation, any security holder of

(1) Mercantile Bank Corporation, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in the preceding sentence.

(2) Includes shares acquired pursuant to issuer's 401(k) P lan since last report of common stock ownership.

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