

MERCANTILE BANK CORP
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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 *
 SULLIVAN THOMAS R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION, 310 LEONARD STREET

(Street)

GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/31/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)				Price
Common Stock	08/31/2016		M		1,575	A	\$ 22	26,098	D	
Common Stock	08/31/2016		S		1,575	D	\$ 26.5	24,523	D	
Common Stock								67,426.661	I	IRA

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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 (Common Stock - right to buy)	\$ 22	08/31/2016		M	1,575	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
Employee Stock Option (Common Stock - right to buy)	\$ 7.8					06/01/2014	11/24/2018	Common Stock	7,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.14					11/13/2016	11/12/2021	Common Stock	1,488
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.66					11/19/2017	11/18/2022	Common Stock	620

buy)

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

09/27/2016

__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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