

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)
 12/15/2015

____ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 12/15/2015 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | V Amount (D) Price 3,000 D \$ 24.2 | 72,986.661 <u>(2)</u> | I | by IRA |
| Common Stock | | | | | 23,773 | D | |

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. P Der Sec (Ins | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| 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 | |
| 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 | |

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

12/17/2015

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

** 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 sale reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 3, 2015.
Includes 57,486.661 shares previously owned indirectly through MBWM Corporation's 401(k) plan, The 57,486.661 shares further reflect
- (2) a decrease of 33.621 shares relative to the total previously reported for the 401(k) account, with such decrease being attributable to a change in the quarterly fee charged by the 401(k) trustee in connection with holding such shares.

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