

MERCANTILE BANK CORP  
 Form 4  
 September 28, 2015

**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
 C/O MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION, 310 LEONARD STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/24/2015

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

(Street)  
 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504

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

(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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	09/24/2015		S <sup>(1)</sup>	3,000 D \$ 21	24,500	I	by IRA
Common Stock					22,688	D	
Common Stock					57,115.259 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	by 401K

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)	\$ 22.8662					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
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
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## 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

09/28/2015

\_\_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.
- (2) Includes shares acquired pursuant to issuer's 401(k) Plan since last report of common stock ownership.

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