

MERCANTILE BANK CORP  
 Form 4  
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**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)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman of the Board

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**C/O MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION, 310 LEONARD ST.**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**11/13/2014**

**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)
Common Stock	11/13/2014		A	5,210 A	\$ 0 21,938	D	
Common Stock					30,500 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	by IRA
Common Stock					54,440.215 <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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.14	11/13/2014		A		1,488		11/13/2016	11/12/2021	Common Stock	1,488
Employee Stock Option (Common Stock - right to buy)	\$ 24.4639							06/01/2014	11/22/2014	Common Stock	1,736
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	\$ 16							06/01/2014	12/03/2017	Common Stock	7,000

Stock -  
right to  
buy)

Employee

Stock

Option

(Common \$ 7.8

06/01/2014 11/24/2018

Common  
Stock 7,000

Stock -  
right to  
buy)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SULLIVAN THOMAS R C/O MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION 310 LEONARD ST. GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504	X		Chairman of the Board	

## Signatures

/s/ Bradley J. Wyatt,  
attorney-in-fact

11/17/2014

\_\_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) Includes shares acquired since his last report of common stock ownership by reinvesting cash dividends under the issuer's dividend reinvestment plan.

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

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