

KAMINSKI ROBERT B
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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 *
KAMINSKI ROBERT B

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)
PRESIDENT, CEO

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/20/2017

(Street)
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504

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

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	10/20/2017		M	1,000	A \$ 22.15	35,322	D
Common Stock	10/20/2017		F	593 ⁽¹⁾	D \$ 37.3	34,729	D
Common Stock						24,050.257	I In 401(k) plan ⁽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)	\$ 22.15	10/20/2017		M	1,000	11/13/2016 11/12/2021	Common Stock 1,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.66					11/19/2017 11/18/2022	Common Stock 1,200
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 36.22					11/17/2018 11/16/2023	Common Stock 1,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KAMINSKI ROBERT B
C/O MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION
310 LEONARD ST.
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504

PRESIDENT, CEO

Signatures

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

10/24/2017

__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) In accordance with the terms of the applicable stock option award agreement, the reporting person paid the exercise price for the options by surrendering 593 shares to the issuer and paying \$31.10 in cash in lieu of a fractional share.
- (2) Includes shares acquired pursuant to the issuer's 401(k) Plan since last report of common stock ownership.

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