

MERCANTILE BANK CORP
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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 *
CHRISTMAS CHARLES E

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 ST.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/17/2016

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 ____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
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(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
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(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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/17/2016		A	3,750 A \$ 0	28,011 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock					358 ⁽¹⁾	I	By spouse
Common Stock					32,186 ⁽²⁾	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock					1,489 ⁽²⁾	I	401(k) Plan for spouse

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 36.22	11/17/2016		A	1,000	11/17/2018 11/16/2023	Common Stock	1,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.66					11/19/2017 11/18/2022	Common Stock	1,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.15					11/13/2016 11/12/2021	Common Stock	1,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CHRISTMAS CHARLES E
C/O MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION
310 LEONARD ST.
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504

EVP AND CFO

Signatures

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

11/18/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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