

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 \*  
**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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**08/29/2012**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
COO, Exec. V.P., Secretary

**MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION, 310 LEONARD STREET NW**

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 08/29/2012                           |  | F                              | 3,615 D \$ 17.08  | 11,956  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 08/29/2012                           |  | M                              | 3,827 A \$ 16.135   | 15,783  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 13,250 <sup>(1)</sup>   | I  | 401(k) plan                                |

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 16.135  | 08/29/2012                           |  | M                              | 3,827   | 10/17/2003 10/16/2012                                    | Common Stock 3,827  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| KAMINSKI ROBERT B<br>MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION<br>310 LEONARD STREET NW<br>GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504 | X             |           | COO, Exec. V.P., Secretary |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Jerome M. Schwartz  
Attorney-in-fact

08/31/2012

\*\*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) This share amount includes shares Mr. Kaminski acquired pursuant to the issuer's 401(k) Plan since his last report of common stock ownership.

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