

MERCANTILE BANK CORP
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FORM 4

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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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION, 310 LEONARD STREET NW

(Street)

GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MERCANTILE BANK CORP [MBWM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/24/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Executive VP & Secretary

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	05/24/2006		F	212 D	\$ 39.75	4,425 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	05/24/2006		F	1,713 D	\$ 39.75	2,712	D
Common Stock	05/24/2006		F	266 D	\$ 39.75	2,446	D
Common Stock	05/24/2006		M	1,130 A	\$ 7.463	3,576	D
	05/24/2006		M	6,697 A		10,273	D

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Common Stock					\$	10.172		
Common Stock	05/24/2006		M	1,136	A	\$ 9.329	11,409	D
Common Stock							3,636 ⁽¹⁾	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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.463	05/24/2006		M	1,130	⁽²⁾ 07/21/2007	Common Stock	1,130	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.172	05/24/2006		M	6,697	07/22/2000 10/21/2008	Common Stock	6,697	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.329	05/24/2006		M	1,136	07/22/2001 02/16/2010	Common Stock	1,136	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504

Executive VP & Secretary

Signatures

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

05/26/2006

__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 pursuant to the issuer's 5% stock dividend paid on May 16, 2006.

The option, the exercise of the remaining portion of which is being reported here, vested in three installments. The option was exercisable

- (2) for 40% of the shares covered by the option beginning 7/22/1997, for 80% beginning July 22, 1998, and for 100% beginning July 22, 1999.

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