#### MERCANTILE BANK CORP

Form 4

February 21, 2012

# FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(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)  MERCANT  CORPORAT  STREET NV	ΓΙΟΝ, 310 L	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/17/2012	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior V.P. & CFO			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)			

GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D)	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)
Common stock	02/17/2012		P	300	A	\$ 13.17	300	I	by spouse
Common stock							7,569	D	
Common stock							23,620	I	In 401(k) plan
Common stock							1,239	I	In 401(k) plan for spouse

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transact	tionNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	) Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		
	Security				Acquired						
					(A) or						
					Disposed						
					of (D)						
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable	Date		Number		
									of		
				Code V	I(A)(D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Reporting Owner Hame / Address	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CHRISTMAS CHARLES E MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION 310 LEONARD STREET NW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504

Senior V.P. & CFO

## **Signatures**

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

02/21/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

### **Explanation of Responses:**

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