MERCANTILE BANK CORP

Form 4

November 17, 2014

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| may contin | Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 | | | | | | | | response | • | |
| (Print or Type Ro | esponses) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STONE SAMUEL G | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MERCANTILE BANK CORP [MWBM] | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) C/O MERCA CORPORAT ST. | _ | Earliest Tra y/Year) | nsaction | | | Director 10% Owner Specify Delow Delow Executive Vice President | | | | | |
| | | | | dment, Date Original h/Day/Year) | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | I - Non-De | rivative S | ecurit | ties Ac | quired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | lly Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | 3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price | | | | 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 | 11/13/2014 | | | A | 3,500 | A | \$0 | 5,500 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 3,745 | I | by Trust | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 29,386 (1) | I | by 401K | |

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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. 5. Number Transaction of Derivativ Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | ative s l | 6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y | e | 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) | \$ 22.14 | 11/13/2014 | | A | 1,000 | | 11/13/2016 | 11/12/2021 | Common Stock | 1,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Common Stock - right to buy) | \$ 24.4639 | | | | | | 06/01/2014 | 11/22/2014 | Common Stock | 1,447 |
| Employee Stock Option (Common Stock - right to buy) | \$ 22.8662 | | | | | | 06/01/2014 | 11/28/2015 | Common Stock | 1,378 |
| Employee Stock Option (Common Stock - right to buy) | \$ 22 | | | | | | 06/01/2014 | 11/27/2016 | Common Stock | 1,312 |
| Employee Stock Option (Common | \$ 16 | | | | | | 06/01/2014 | 12/03/2017 | Common Stock | 4,500 |

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Stock -

right to

buy)

Employee

Stock

Option

(Common \$7.8

06/01/2014 11/24/2018

Common Stock

4,500

Stock - right to buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STONE SAMUEL G C/O MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION 310 LEONARD ST. GRAND RAPIDS,, MI 49504

Executive Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Bradley J. Wyatt, as attorney-in-fact

11/17/2014

**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 Mr. Stone acquired pursuant to the issuer's 401(k) Plan since his last report of common stock ownership.

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