MERCANTILE BANK CORP
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GARDNER JEFF A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION, 310 LEONARD STREET

(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)
12/06/2016

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/06/2016		W	V	6,000	D	$ 0	0	I	by Marshall Gardner Trust
Common Stock	12/13/2016		W	V	9,000	D	$ 0	10,000	I	by Norma Gardner Trust
Common Stock	12/06/2016		W	V	6,000	A	$ 0	6,000	I	by Jeff Gardner & Susan Gardner

											Weinberg as joint tenants
Common Stock	12/13/2016		W	V	6,000	A	$ 0	12,000	I		by Jeff Gardner & Susan Gardner Weinberg as joint tenants
Common Stock	12/13/2016		W	V	3,000	A	$ 0	50,252	I		by Trust
Common Stock								16,669 (1)	D		
Common Stock								11,500	I		by IRA

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)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GARDNER JEFF A C/O MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION				

310 LEONARD STREET
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504

Signatures

/s/ Bradley J. Wyatt, Attorney-in-Fact	12/16/2016
**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) This number includes 267 shares acquired since the reporting owner's last report of common stock ownership by reinvesting cash dividends under the issuer's dividend reinvestment plan. It further reflects an additional 2,612 shares, for which the form of beneficial ownership changed since the reporting owner's last report of common stock ownership.

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