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Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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INDEPENDENT BANK CORP /MI/

CIK: **39311** | IRS No.: **382032782** | State of Incorp.: **MI** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
SIC: **6022** State commercial banks

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REPORTING OWNER

MCCARTY JAMES E

CIK: **1198780**
Type: **4** | Act: **34** | File No.: **000-07818** | Film No.: **09546081**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person MCCARTY JAMES E			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol INDEPENDENT BANK CORP / MI / [IBCP]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/31/2008		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person	
230 WEST MAIN STREET			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			
(Street)						
IONIA, MI 48846						
(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	07/31/2008		A	V	19.09		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	19.09	\$5.07	9,695.78	D	
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	10/31/2008		A	V	26.42		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	26.42	\$3.67	9,722.2	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The Phantom Stock Units were accrued under the Independent Bank Corporation Deferred Compensation and Stock Purchase Plan for Non-Employee Directors and are to be settled in Independent Bank Corporation Common Stock upon the reporting person's retirement.

Signatures

By: s/Michael J. Steele, Attorney-in-Fact For: James E. McCarty

01/26/2009

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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