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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 *
 Gruseke Christopher R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.
 [BWFG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., 220 ELM STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/08/2019

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President & CEO

NEW CANAAN, CT 06840

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 | (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 02/08/2019 | | F | | 527 ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$ 28.7946 ₍₂₎ |
| Common Stock | | | | | 109,785 | D ⁽³⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 5,000 | I | IRA |
| Common Stock | | | | | 3,333 | D ⁽⁴⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 5,000 | D ⁽⁴⁾ | |

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Transaction Date, 1,667 Shares have vested. 5,000 of those shares are performance restricted stock and may vest when and if the performance goal is achieved.

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