

W. Manheim purchases monitor to deter speeders

■ **Portable, digital readout will tell motorists how fast they are going.**

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West Manheim Township supervisors last week agreed to spend nearly \$3,000 for a sign they hope will slow down speeding drivers on Baltimore Pike.

Supervisors approved police Chief Walter Franek's request to purchase a Speed-Check speed measurement and display system. The equipment, which costs \$2,995, will be purchased from Information Display Co., Portland, Ore.

The device has a large digital speed readout to show drivers how fast they are going. The sign is similar to one police borrowed from another township last year to help slow speeding vehicles on Baltimore Pike, supervisor Stanley J. Wysocki said.

"It was really neat how it worked. Cars were coming up out of Maryland really moving fast," said Wysocki. "But, boy-oh-boy, when they saw that sign announce how fast they were going, they put their foot on the brake and slowed down quick."

The approximately two-foot-by-two-foot sign with built in radar will be used in conjunction with West Manheim's existing highway safety program. The

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sign will be mounted on top of the extra police car that will be parked at alternating locations within the township, Franek said.

"This will be a definite deterrent to speeders," Wysocki said. "If it saves even one life because it reminded some-

one to slow down, it's worth the price."

The supervisors also gave Franek permission to purchase a Sony Mavica Digital Camera for \$399 and a Sony Handyman Camcorder for \$359. Franek told supervisors the equipment will be used in all aspects of the police department.

The supervisors said all three purchases approved will be paid for with money already allocated in the police department's budget.

In other business, West Manheim supervisors approved the purchase of a self-propelled motor paver for \$5,000 and a trailer to haul it for \$1,000. The supervisors said the paver will be used to fix potholes on township roads.