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In March, Illinois Gov. Pritzker announced a temporary change to the state's Open Meetings Act that waives the requirement that a physical quorum of elected officials be present to hold a public meeting. Remote participation for elected officials, staff, and the public is expected to continue until the order is lifted.

The Village of Oswego will hold its regularly scheduled Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting on Thursday June 4th, with new changes fine-tuning how Commission members, staff, and the public participate remotely in compliance with the statewide Stay at Home Order. Village Hall will be open for the meeting; however, residents are strongly encouraged to watch or participate remotely. Here's how:

How to watch or join the meetings from home:

- Watch the webinar live at StreamUS.oswegoil.org. You'll see Commission Members, staff members, and other participants who are attending remotely. If you access the video webinar on a smart phone, you'll be prompted to download the Zoom app.
- Join our meeting by phone call. Call (312) 626-6799 just prior to the meeting. When prompted, enter passcode **508 193 215** from your phone. You'll hear the audio of the meeting through our webinar service.

To give a comment at the meetings, you have multiple options:

- Email your comment to publiccomment@oswegoil.org by 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Your comment will be read aloud during the Public Forum portion of the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting by a Village staff member. Please indicate, in the subject line of your email, what Meeting Body you would like your comments to be read aloud at. For example: "Public Comment for PZC Meeting".
- Give your comment live by phone. Email publiccomment@oswegoil.org or call 630-554-3622 by 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting and leave your name, address, phone number, and the topic on which you'd like to speak. Our staff will call you during the meeting and will put you on speakerphone so that you can give your comment live. Please be by your phone when the meeting begins at 7 p.m. We will let the line ring four times before moving onto the next speaker.
- You may also still give public comment in person. Residents are strongly encouraged to stay home and participate remotely, however, they may also attend the meeting in person. If attending, members of the public are required to stay six feet from any other person in the room and wear a face covering/mask.

As always, those giving public comment are asked to fill out the Public Participation form and abide by the Village's civility code, which is available on the Village's [website](#) under *Participate in the June 4th Planning and Zoning Commission meeting*.

The change to phone calls for public comment is designed to increase access and decrease technological barriers for residents who may wish to participate live.

Get updates as they happen

Residents are also encouraged to follow the Village of Oswego on Facebook (@VillageofOswego) and Twitter (@OswegoIL60543) for to-the-minute updates. You can also subscribe to Village of Oswego emails by visiting oswegoil.org and clicking on E-mail Alerts.

For more information about public participation at meetings during the COVID-19 crisis, please contact me.

Thank you,
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