Definitions:

$$A000217(n) = \frac{1}{2}n(n+1)$$

$$A224924(n) = \sum_{j=0}^{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n} bitand(j,k)$$
(1)

Possible Simplification (treating \sum symbols as independant entities):

$$A224924(n) = \left[\sum_{j=0}^{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n}\right] bitand(j,k)$$
$$= \left[\delta_{j} \sum_{k=0}^{n}\right] bitand(j,k)$$
$$= \left[\delta_{j}\delta_{k}\right] bitand(j,k)$$
$$= \left[\delta_{jk} + \delta_{jk}\right] bitand(j,k)$$
(2)

If we adopt a more flexible version for the Einstein's summation convention allowing to assume summation over pairs of indices both either down-down or up-up (both covariant or both contravariant according the context of the tensor calculus), the original summations remain unchanged there. Now, continuing the non-conventional treatment:

$$A224924(n) = \left[\delta_{jk} + \delta_{jk}\right] bitand(j,k)$$

= $\delta_{jk} bitand(j,k) + \delta_{jk} bitand(j,k)$ (3)

The "Kronecker Delta" implies a standard summation. Since it is valued 1 only when j = k, then we are allowed to replace both j and k with a single index:

$$A224924 (n) = \delta_{jk} bitand (j, k) + \delta_{jk} bitand (j, k)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{n} bitand (i, i) + \delta_{jk} bitand (j, k)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{n} i + \delta_{jk} bitand (j, k)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}n (n+1) + \delta_{jk} bitand (j, k)$$

$$= A000217(n) + \delta_{jk} bitand (j, k)$$

$$= A000217(n) + 2\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{k=(j+1)}^{n} bitand (j, k)$$

(4)

Therefore:

$$A224924(n) - A000217(n) = 0 \mod 2$$
(5)

Both sequences have the same parity.

Also both sequences shares the following property¹:

$$a(2^{n}) = a(2^{n} - 1) + 2^{n}$$
(6)

Now by solving for 2^n in each case we can state the identity:

$$A224924(2^{n}) - A224924(2^{n} - 1) = A000217(2^{n}) - A000217(2^{n} - 1)$$
(7)

Then, re-arranging terms in (7) we realize that²:

$$A224924(2^{n}) - A000217(2^{n}) = A224924(2^{n} - 1) - A000217(2^{n} - 1)$$
(8)

 $^{^1{\}rm For}$ A000217, it is direct to verify this property by definition. $^2{\rm This}$ was observed by first time empirically.